

1857-70: PRE-PROFESSIONAL ERA REVIEW

NORTHEASTERN U.S.A. (Dec 31, 1870) – As the calendar turns to 1871, baseball is set to begin a new era as the professional game will be introduced to the public in four months' time.

Exactly 2,707 men have taken part in at least one contest since the National Base Ball Organization began play in May of 1857, with domestic players and immigrants from 22 different nations represented over that timeframe.

Six different clubs lifted the Tucker-Wheaton Cup during the NBBO's first fourteen years of play, and 28 of the NBBO's original 48 clubs have taken part in postseason baseball from 1857 to 1870.

Over the initial seasons of the NBBO, more than thirty different men have shared in the major individual awards, and dozens have earned either an All-Star, Golden Glove, or Team of the Year nomination.

There have been 31 qualifying seasons with a Batting Average of .400 or better, ranging from Lee Wood (1857) & Samuel Barkley (1858) batting exactly .4000 in the initial years of the competition to Royal Altman's record .445 in 1867. Cormack Alexander is the only player to hit .400 three times. There have been half a dozen individual seasons in which a player has finished with an average of .399.

There have been nineteen individual seasons with an OPS of 1.000 or better. Konrad Jensen, the record holder with a 1.088 in 1868, is the only player to have done it four times.

The most successful club in the sport, St. John's, has led or tied for the NBBO lead for best record seven times, won 50+ games in a season six times, and led the NEL in scoring ten times. Their longest-tenured player, William Johnson, is the career postseason leader in Games, At-Bats, Runs, Hits, Total Bases, Singles, Doubles, & Triples.

Before the new dawn of the sport begins in the first week of May, let us review the foundational era of baseball.

CLUB OF THE PRE-PROFESSIONAL ERA



St. John's Baseball Club (Providence, R.I.) – 670-310 (.684), 5x NBBO champs, 13x New England champs, 7x best record

YEAR	W	L	PCT	PLACE	GB/A	NOTES
1857	41	29	.586	1st	+3	Won TWC Final 3-0 over Victory
1858	51	19	.729	1st	+8	Won TWC Final 3-2 over Knickerbocker
1859	54	16	.771	1st	+15	Lost NEL Championship Series 3-2 to Shamrock
1860	49	21	.700	1st	+3	Lost TWC Final 3-1 to Kings County
1861	49	21	.700	1st	+5	Lost NEL Championship Series 3-1 to Alleghany
1862	44	26	.629	1st	+3	Finished 2nd in TWC with 7-3 record (1 GB)
1863	50	20	.714	1st	+7	Won TWC with 9-1 record
1864	46	24	.657	1st	+5	Won TWC in one-game playoff v K.C. (8-3 final record)
1865	36	34	.514	4th	-6	
1866	54	16	.771	1st	+9	Finished 2nd in TWC with 6-4 record (3 GB)
1867	48	22	.686	1st	+5	Finished 3rd in TWC with 5-5 record (4 GB)
1868	50	20	.714	1st	+11	Finished 2nd in TWC with 7-3 record (1 GB)
1869	46	24	.657	1st	+4	Finished 3rd in TWC with 6-4 record (1 GB)
1870	52	18	.743	1st	+10	Won TWC in one-game playoff v KNI (8-3 final record)
TOTAL	670	310	.684	-	-	

St. John's was unquestionably the greatest team of the first era of the sport of baseball. Not only do they have those five cup titles to their name, but St. John's was the Tucker-Wheaton Cup runner-up four times as well. None of the other 47 original NBBO clubs can come close to St. John's' CV of league-topping records, cup triumphs, offensive dominance, legendary players, and unforgettable performances. Perhaps more importantly, they proved once and for all that the baseball outside of New York was just as good as the version of the sport played in the United States' largest metropolitan area.

BATSMAN OF THE PRE-PROFESSIONAL ERA

Konrad Jensen – 5'9", 160 lbs. OF from Providence, R.I. – St. John's (1857-70)

- 5x Tucker-Wheaton Cup Winner (1857-58, 63-64, 70)
- 2x NEL Batsman of the Year (1863, 68)
- 2x NEL Most Valuable Player (1864, 66)
- 2x .400 Hitter (1868-69)
- 1x NEL Batting Champion (1868)
- 10x NEL All-Star (1859-61, 63-66, 68-70)
- 10x NEL Team of the Year Nominee (1859-61, 63-66, 68-70)
- 8x NEL leader in On-base % (1860-61, 63-66, 69-70)
- 6x NEL leader in Stolen Bases (1859-60, 65-66, 68-69)
- 6x NEL leader in Bases on Balls (1860, 62-66)
- 5x NEL leader in Runs (1860, 64-66, 68)
- 5x NEL leader in Runs Created (1863-64, 66, 68-69)
- 3x NEL leader in OPS (1863-64, 68)
- 2x NEL leader in Batsman WAR (1864, 66)
- 2x NEL Golden Glove winner at OF (1864, 67)

860 G: .374 AVG, .954 OPS, 1,146 R, 1,354 H, 259 2B, 66 3B, 23 HR, 815 RBI, 520 BB, 719 SB, 53.82 WPA, 45.5 WAR

PER 70: .374/.453/.501, 93 R, 110 H, 21 2B, 5 3B, 2 HR, 66 RBI, 42 BB, 58 SB, 4.38 WPA, 3.7 WAR

TWC (100 G): .364 AVG, .920 OPS, 117 R, 156 H, 25 2B, 9 3B, 3 HR, 111 RBI, 58 BB, 86 SB, 7.69 WPA, 5.2 WAR

St. John's knew they had something special in Jensen when the then 17-year-old hit .309 with an OPS of .712 playing twenty games in place of an injured outfielder during the NBBO's inaugural season. He has since developed into the most technical batsman in the NBBO, and Jensen has enjoyed that honor for the more than half a decade now.

Jensen's patience at the plate combined with his ability to make solid contact, as well as his baserunning instincts, have made him an offensive danger second to none. Over the years, if St. John's has needed someone on base, Jensen's reached base via balls or a hit. If St. John's has needed a Stolen Base to put a runner in scoring position, Jensen has stolen a base. If St. John's has needed a Run, Jensen has come around to score.

That Jensen's batting in the Tucker-Wheaton Cup over one hundred games has been almost as good as his batsmanship during the season proves that he can do damage against any pitcher at any time, and for that Jensen takes the honor as the #1 Batsman of the inaugural era of baseball.

PITCHER OF THE PRE-PROFESSIONAL ERA

Jim Creighton – 6'2", 195 lbs. P/1B from New York City – Excelsior (1860-70)

- 4x NYL Most Valuable Player (1863, 66-68)
- 1x NYL Pitcher of the Year (1870)
- 9x NYL All-Star (1862-70)
- 5x NYL Team of the Year (1863-64, 66-68)
- 10x NYL leader in Strikeouts (1861-70)
- 1x NYL Pitching Triple Crown winner (1863)
- 6x NYL leader in Pitching WAR (1863-66, 68, 70)
- 3x NYL leader in Wins (1863, 66, 68)
- 2x NYL leader in ERA (1863, 65)

451 GP: 257-139, 2.98 ERA, 1,228 K, 3,506.0 IP, 289 CG, 12 SHO, 1.16 WHIP, 3.2 K/9, 3.4 K/BB, 79.0 WAR, 91.7 rWAR
TWC (25 GP): 12-11, 2.61 ERA, 67 K, 182.2 IP, 17 CG, 0 SHO, 1.13 WHIP, 3.3 K/9, 5.2 K/BB, 4.8 WAR, 4.9 rWAR

The legendary John McGowan was the Pitcher of the Decade over the first ten seasons of the NBBO, but what Jim Creighton has done over the four years since McGowan's retirement puts him over the top as the Pre-professional Era's #1 pitcher, and that's without even taking into account Creighton's work with the bat.

It took Creighton a couple of seasons to find his command but by the age of 21 he was already the most intimidating pitcher in the New York League, and in 1863 he became the first, and to date the only, player to win a Triple Crown.

Creighton has become the sport's most recognizable star, and as he transitions into professional baseball the game's biggest draw could become even more famous.

PLAYER OF THE PRE-PROFESSIONAL ERA

Edward Huntley – 5'7", 165 lbs. 3B/SS from Florham Park, N.J. – Orange (1857-64), Knickerbocker (1865-70)

- 3x Tucker-Wheaton Cup Winner (1859, 65, 67)
- 4x NYL Most Valuable Player (1859, 62, 65, 69)
- 3x Tucker-Wheaton Cup MVP (1859, 67, 69)
- 1x NYL Batsman of the Year (1866)
- 12x NYL All-Star Nominee (1859-70)
- 9x NYL Team of the Year Nominee (1859-60, 62-67, 69)
- 9x NYL Golden Glove winner (1857, 59-63, 65, 67, 68)
- 11x NYL leader in Batsman WAR (1857, 59-63, 65-69)

980 G: .347 AVG, .862 OPS, 1,073 R, 1,502 H, 322 2B, 90 3B, 6 HR, 763 RBI, 332 BB, 423 SB, +239.4 ZR, 45.66 WPA, 56.0 WAR
PER 70: .347/.394/.468, 76 R, 107 H, 23 2B, 6 3B, 0 HR, 55 RBI, 23 BB, 30 SB, +17.1 ZR, 3.26 WPA, 4.0 WAR
TWC (74 G): .402 AVG, 1.017 OPS, 96 R, 131 H, 30 2B, 13 3B, 0 HR, 80 RBI, 22 BB, 42 SB, 187 TB, 6.37 WPA, 4.3 WAR

Edward Huntley does not top the career leaderboard in main batting categories like Batting Average (Cormack Alexander), OPS (Konrad Jensen), Hits (Samuel Kessler), or Runs Batted In (Jerald Peterson), but he was the premier batsman of the first decade and a half of baseball.

No middle infielder aside from Anthony Mascherino could match Huntley's overall ability from day one of the NBBO, and even then Huntley has always been the superior hitter. If one needs any more evidence of Huntley's talents, note that he has led the New York League in Batsman WAR eleven times in its fourteen seasons of play.

Consider that the above has yet to factor in Huntley's postseason work. Of all regulars who have appeared in the postseason three or more times Huntley is the only to bat over .375, he is the only 3x Tucker-Wheaton Cup MVP, and he is the only player to have won cup MVP with two different teams.

TEAM OF THE PRE-PROFESSIONAL ERA

C: Joe Feuerstein – 1/1/1832 from Tewksbury, Mass. – Portland (1857-69)

- 829 G: .288/.329/.378, 543 R, 941 H, 218 2B, 18 3B, 13 HR, 540 RBI, 180 BB, 42 SB, +67.7 ZR, 11.55 WPA, 17.0 WAR
- 8x All-Star, 4x Team of the Year

1B: Cormack Alexander – 5/2/1840 from Skerries, Ireland – Kings County (1864-67), Quaker State (1868-70)

- 489 G: .391/.421/.505, 505 R, 844 H, 172 2B, 20 3B, 11 HR, 461 RBI, 96 BB, 35 SB, +20.0 ZR, 27.92 WPA, 18.4 WAR
- 2x Batsman of the Year, 6x All-Star, 4x Team of the Year, 2x Golden Glove, 3x .400 Hitter, 1864 NEL GotY

2B: Anderson MacGyver – 6/27/1834 from New York City – St. John's (1858-64, 69-70), Mutual (1865-68)

- 869 G: .345/.384/.452, 973 R, 1,298 H, 265 2B, 45 3B, 16 HR, 737 RBI, 235 BB, 418 SB, -2.8 ZR, 45.32 WPA, 28.8 WAR
- 4x TWC winner, 2x Batsman of the Year, 7x All-Star, 4x Team of the Year, 1858 NEL GotY

3B: Samuel Kessler – 5/6/1836 from Merrimack, N.H. – Sons of the Ocean (1857-64), Alleghany (1865-70)

- 974 G: .360/.414/.490, 1,053 R, 1,527 H, 311 2B, 108 3B, 8 HR, 809 RBI, 326 BB, 290 SB, +52.4 ZR, 51.01 WPA, 42.6 WAR
- 1x TWC winner, 1x Batsman of the Year, 1x MVP, 12x All-Star, 10x Team of the Year, 2x Golden Glove

SS: Edward Huntley – 1/5/1836 from Florham Park, N.J. – Orange (1857-64), Knickerbocker (1865-70)

- 980 G: .347/.394/.468, 1,073 R, 1,502 H, 322 2B, 90 3B, 6 HR, 763 RBI, 332 BB, 423 SB, +239.4 ZR, 45.66 WPA, 56.0 WAR
- 3x TWC winner; 4x MVP, 1x Batsman of the Year, 12x All-Star, 9x Team of the Year, 9x Golden Glove

OF: Konrad Jensen – 6/4/1839 from Providence, R.I. – St. John's (1857-70)

- 860 G: .473/.453/.501, 1,146 R, 1,354 H, 259 2B, 66 3B, 23 HR, 815 RBI, 520 BB, 719 SB, +34.3 ZR, 53.82 WPA, 45.5 WAR
- 5x TWC winner; 2x Batsman of the Year, 2x MVP, 10x All-Star, 10x Team of the Year, 2x Golden Glove, 2x .400 Hitter

CF: Willie Davis – 10/29/36 from Philadelphia – Susquehanna (1858-64), American (1865-70)

- 909 G: .363/.395/.500, 1,041 R, 1,506 H, 325 2B, 95 3B, 17 HR, 719 RBI, 210 BB, 533 SB, +90.7 ZR, 50.45 WPA, 43.5 WAR
- 2x Batsman of the Year, 2x Most Valuable Player, 10x All-Star, 5x Team of the Year, 4x Golden Glove, 1x .400 Hitter

OF: Thomas Maloney – 7/12/1835 from Boston – Shamrock (1857-64), Reading (1865-66), Massachusetts Bay (1867-70)

- 980 G: .357/.394/.470, 1,011 R, 1,524 H, 289 2B, 83 3B, 10 HR, 768 RBI, 255 BB, 393 SB, +37.3 ZR, 47.01 WPA, 32.5 WAR
- 1x TWC winner, 1x Batsman of the Year, 10x All-Star, 4x Team of the Year, 1x .400 Hitter

P1: Jim Creighton – 4/15/1841 from New York City – Excelsior (1860-70)

- 451 GP: 257-139, 2.98 ERA, 1,228 K, 3,506.0 IP, 289 CG, 12 SHO, 1.16 WHIP, 3.4 K/BB, 79.0 WAR, 91.7 rWAR
- 4x MVP, 1x Pitcher of the Year, 9x All-Star, 5x Team of the Year, 1x .400 Hitter

P2: John McGowan – 7/10/1830 from Milford, Conn. – St. John's (1857-63), Knickerbocker (1864-66)

- 345 GP: 215-88, 3.05 ERA, 305 K, 2,680.2 IP, 218 CG, 12 SHO, 1.25 WHIP, 1.0 K/BB, 46.3 WAR, 67.8 rWAR
- TWC (41 GP): 27-6, 2.72 ERA, 32 K, 324.2 IP, 27 CG, 2 SHO, 1.21 WHIP, 0.9 K/BB, 5.5 WAR, 11.1 rWAR
- 4x TWC winner, 6x All-Star, 5x Team of the Year

YEARLY BEST RECORD & CUP WINNER

1857: Alleghany 52-18; St. John's beat Victory 3-0 in TWC Final
1858: KNI & StJ 51-19; St. John's (2nd cup) beat Knickerbocker 3-2 in TWC Final
1859: St. John's 54-16; Orange beat Shamrock 3-1 in TWC Final
1860: Kings Co. 54-16; Kings County beat St. John's 3-1 in TWC Final
1861: St. John's 49-21; Kings County (2nd cup) beat Alleghany 3-2 in TWC Final
1862: Shamrock 45-25; Shamrock won TWC with 8-2 record
1863: St. John's 50-20; St. John's (3rd cup) won TWC with 9-1 record
1864: Port Jersey 48-22; St. John's (4th cup) won TWC with 8-3 record (one-game playoff v K.C.)
1865: Knickerbocker 57-13; Knickerbocker won TWC with 7-3 record
1866: St. John's 54-16; Shamrock (2nd cup) won TWC with 9-1 record
1867: Knickerbocker 54-16; Knickerbocker (2nd cup) won TWC with 9-1 record
1868: St. John's 50-20; Orange (2nd cup) won TWC with 8-2 record
1869: Flour City 55-15; Alleghany won TWC with 7-3 record
1870: St. John's 52-18; St. John's (5th cup) won TWC with 8-3 record (one-game playoff v KNI)

AWARD WINNERS

BATSMAN OF THE YEAR

1857 NYL: Joseph Bentley (NIA) – .416, .450 OBP, .923 OPS, 80 R, 131 H, 15 XBH, 42 RBI, 7 SB, 2.43 WPA, 2.5 WAR
1857 NEL: William Johnson (StJ) – .370, .894 OPS, 83 R, 115 H, 31 XBH, 61 RBI, 22 BB, 42 SB, 3.05 WPA, 2.7 WAR
1858 NYL: Albert Jones (KNI) – .393, .971 OPS, 70 R, 127 H, 43 XBH, 65 RBI, 28 SB, 184 TB, 4.41 WPA, 3.7 WAR
1858 NEL: Joseph Forrest (QUI) – .417/.460/.517, .977 OPS, 68 R, 120 H, 23 XBH, 64 RBI, 2 SB, 3.49 WPA, 2.7 WAR
1859 NYL: John Francis (KC) – .371, .895 OPS, 77 R, 122 H, 11 3B, 65 RBI, 22 SB, 166 TB, 3.74 WPA, 2.8 WAR
1859 NEL: Anderson MacGyver (StJ) – .395/.439/.529, .968 OPS, 106 R, 130 H, 31 2B, 73 RBI, 33 SB, 5.58 WPA, 4.0 WAR
1860 NYL: Jerald Peterson (KC) – .363, .515 SLG, .934 OPS, 70 R, 107 H, 4 HR, 68 RBI, 152 TB, 3.41 WPA, 2.4 WAR
1860 NEL: Willie Davis (SUS) – .403, .541 SLG, .969 OPS, 85 R, 129 H, 26 2B, 52 RBI, 173 TB, 4.46 WPA, 4.4 WAR
1861 NYL: James Hoddle (FC) – .402, .909 OPS, 53 R, 109 H, 18 XBH, 58 RBI, 13 BB, 1 SB, 3.15 WPA, 2.7 WAR
1861 NEL: Willie Davis (SUS) – .393, .537 SLG, .969 OPS, 96 R, 129 H, 29 2B, 42 RBI, 63 SB, 176 TB, 4.94 WPA, 4.2 WAR
1862 NYL: Arvi Hämäläinen (NIA) – .421/.486/.552, 1.038 OPS, 98 R, 122 H, 43 RBI, 32 BB, 16 SB, 3.50 WPA, 2.7 WAR

1862 NEL: Samuel Kessler (SotO) – .389, **.535 SLG, .973 OPS**, 69 R, 117 H, 33 XBH, 59 RBI, 2.78 WPA, 3.4 WAR
 1863 NYL: James Hoyt (FC) – .395, .979 OPS, **91 R, 131 H, 14 3B**, 61 RBI, 19 SB, **184 TB, 6.01 WPA**, 3.0 WAR
 1863 NEL: Konrad Jensen (StJ) – .379, **.450 OBP, .975 OPS, 88 R**, 114 H, 6 HR, 68 RBI, **37 BB**, 3.86 WPA, 3.5 WAR
 1864 NYL: Cormack Alexander (KC) – **.430, .453 OBP, .976 OPS**, 92 R, **138 H**, 28 XBH, 62 RBI, 6 SB, 3.82 WPA, 3.2 WAR
 1864 NEL: Walter Dudley (PJ) – **.412**, .957 OPS, 80 R, **134 H**, 30 XBH, 60 RBI, **170 TB, 6.08 WPA**, 2.9 WAR
 1865 NYL: Anderson MacGyver (MUT) – .326, .839 OPS, 84 R, 103 H, 33 XBH, 65 RBI, 26 BB, 40 SB, **5.49 WPA**, 2.7 WAR
 1865 NEL: Thomas Maloney (REA) – **.388, .938 OPS**, 68 R, 114 H, 26 XBH, 63 RBI, 30 SB, 3.94 WPA, 3.6 WAR
 1866 NYL: Edward Huntley (KNI) – .358/**.407/.532, .939 OPS**, 107 H, 40 XBH, 56 RBI, **25 BB**, 37 SB, 5.26 WPA, 4.4 WAR
 1866 NEL: Royal Altman (ALL) – **.405, .595 SLG, 1.033 OPS**, 88 R, **126 H**, 45 XBH, 86 RBI, **185 TB**, 4.68 WPA, 4.1 WAR
 1867 NYL: Cormack Alexander (KC) – .414, **.577 SLG**, 90 R, **138 H, 34 2B**, 82 RBI, 1 SB, **192 TB**, 4.47 WPA, 3.3 WAR
 1867 NEL: Royal Altman (ALL) – **.445/.474/.606, 1.079 OPS**, 93 R, **141 H**, 36 XBH, 83 RBI, 38 SB, **6.75 WPA, 4.6 WAR**
 1868 NYL: Mario Fusilli (SYR) – **.413**, .958 OPS, 65 R, 126 H, 26 XBH, 64 RBI, 21 BB, 2 SB, **6.12 WPA**, 3.1 WAR
 1868 NEL: Konrad Jensen (StJ) – **.403, 1.088 OPS, 112 R**, 123 H, **45 XBH**, 81 RBI, **64 SB**, 5.70 WPA, 5.1 WAR
 1869 NYL: Garfield Koonce (KC) – .386, **.973 OPS**, 93 R, **124 H, 40 2B, 47 XBH, 84 RBI**, 1 SB, 5.01 WPA, 3.5 WAR
 1869 NEL: Franklin Petty (LE) – .394, **1.019 OPS**, 80 R, 126 H, **14 3B**, 83 RBI, 22 SB, **189 TB**, 4.35 WPA, 3.5 WAR
 1870 NYL: Reginald Roper (FC) – .404, .566 SLG, .982 OPS, 86 R, 131 H, 37 XBH, 76 RBI, 180 TB, 3.13 WPA, 3.5 WAR
 1870 NEL: William Dickerson (QS) – **.418/.438/.619, 1.058 OPS**, 82 R, **133 H, 47 XBH**, 75 RBI, **197 TB**, 5.22 WPA, 4.2 WAR

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER

1857 NYL: Lee Wood (MUT) – .400, **.941 OPS**, 78 R, 118 H, 27 XBH, 43 RBI, 25 SB, **4.87 WPA**, 3.2 WAR
 1857 NEL: John Anderson (SCR) – **30-6**, 2.30 ERA, 309.0 IP, **28 CG, 3 SHO**, 25 K, 1.20 WHIP, 0.6 K/BB, 5.0 WAR
 1858 NYL: Albert Jones (KNI) – 1858 NYL Batsman of the Year
 1858 NEL: Fred Fowler (MB) – .391, .906 OPS, 85 R, 118 H, 21 XBH, 51 RBI, 16 SB, **4.46 WPA**, 2.9 WAR
 1859 NYL: Edward Huntley (ORA) – .362, .843 OPS, 77 R, 113 H, 41 RBI, 31 SB, **+18.5 ZR**, 3.14 WPA, **4.2 WAR**
 1859 NEL: Willie Davis (SUS) – .394, .956 OPS, 83 R, 124 H, 33 XBH, 57 RBI, 43 SB, **5.70 WPA**, 3.7 WAR
 1860 NYL: Juriaan Kerstens (BED) – .349, .837 OPS, 61 R, 110 H, 28 XBH, 67 RBI, 1 SB, **4.73 WPA**, 2.2 WAR
 1860 NEL: Anthony Mascherino (GM) – .342, .827 OPS, 83 R, 105 H, 60 RBI, 19 SB, **+33.4 ZR**, 3.38 WPA, **4.7 WAR**
 1861 NYL: Grover Wright (CON) – **29-6**, 2.46 ERA, **329.1 IP, 30 CG, 3 SHO**, 48 K, **1.12 WHIP**, 1.3 K/BB, **6.6 WAR**
 1861 NEL: Samuel Kessler (SotO) – .389, .956 OPS, 85 R, 117 H, 10 3B, 48 RBI, 19 SB, **5.33 WPA**, 3.4 WAR
 1862 NYL: Edward Huntley (ORA) – .397, .984 OPS, 75 R, **123 H**, 60 RBI, **170 TB**, +17.9 ZR, 3.00 WPA, **4.5 WAR**
 1862 NEL: Arthur Waltrip (AME) – .389, .914 OPS, 84 R, 126 H, 30 XBH, 63 RBI, **165 TB**, 4.81 WPA, 3.3 WAR
 1863 NYL: Jim Creighton (EXC) – **26-4, 2.29 ERA**, 302.0 IP, **27 CG, 2 SHO, 69 K, 1.02 WHIP, 2.5 K/BB, 6.7 WAR**

1863 NEL: Anthony Mascherino (GM) – .365, .874 OPS, 74 R, 109 H, 56 RBI, 29 SB, **+34.0 ZR**, 3.86 WPA, **5.3 WAR**
 1864 NYL: Walter Driscoll (SYR) – .380, .940 OPS, **94 R**, 120 H, **5 HR**, 73 RBI, 35 SB, 4.80 WPA, 3.3 WAR
 1864 NEL: Konrad Jensen (StJ) – .377/.**482/534**, **1,016 OPS**, **101 R**, 101 H, 70 RBI, **55 BB**, 56 SB, 5.46 WPA, **4.3 WAR**
 1865 NYL: Edward Huntley (KNI) – .311, .766 OPS, 75 R, 92 H, 24 XBH, 61 RBI, 33 SB, **+27.3 ZR**, 4.40 WPA, **3.9 WAR**
 1865 NEL: Willie Davis (AME) – .357, .896 OPS, 81 R, 112 H, **12 3B**, 62 RBI, 28 SB, +10.2 ZR, **5.00 WPA**, **3.9 WAR**
 1866 NYL: Jim Creighton (EXC) – **25-8**, 2.85 ERA, 296.2 IP, 24 CG, **2 SHO**, **146 K**, **1.03 WHIP**, **6.3 K/BB**, **8.8 WAR**
 1866 NEL: Konrad Jensen (StJ) – .395, **.480 OBP**, **95 R**, 115 H, 64 RBI, **49 BB**, **76 SB**, **5.97 WPA**, **4.8 WAR**
 1867 NYL: Jim Creighton (EXC) – 27-15, 2.46 ERA, **361.2 IP**, **30 CG**, **117 K**, **.416 AVG**, **1.030 OPS**, **11.1 WAR**
 1867 NEL: Royal Altman (ALL) – 1867 NEL Batsman of the Year
 1868 NYL: Jim Creighton (EXC) – **29-11**, 2.70 ERA, **362.2 IP**, **35 CG**, **197 K**, **5.6 K/BB**, **.977 OPS**, **13.6 WAR**
 1868 NEL: Franklin Petty (LE) – .394, **.622 SLG**, 86 R, 124 H, **37 2B**, 79 RBI, 30 SB, **196 TB**, 3.85 WPA, **5.4 WAR**
 1869 NYL: Edward Huntley (KNI) – .352, .903 OPS, 90 R, 107 H, 73 RBI, 32 SB, +17.5 ZR, 3.97 WPA, **4.6 WAR**
 1869 NEL: Collin Henderson (ALL) – **.407**, .969 OPS, 93 R, **143 H**, 33 XBH, 66 RBI, 7 SB, 4.38 WPA, 3.5 WAR
 1870 NYL: Walter Dudley (ATL) – **.415**, .985 OPS, 75 R, 125 H, 32 XBH, 65 RBI, 4 SB, 3.89 WPA, 3.3 WAR
 1870 NEL: Nelson Townsend (StJ) – .408, .996 OPS, 101 R, 125 H, 29 XBH, 55 RBI, 64 SB, **5.55 WPA**, **4.7 WAR**

PITCHER OF THE YEAR

1869 NYL: James Goodman (FC) – **30-6**, **2.00 ERA**, 132 K, 342.2 IP, **31 CG**, **2 SHO**, **1.05 WHIP**, **5.1 K/BB**, **10.6 WAR**
 1869 NEL: John Henry (ALL) – **30-10**, 3.35 ERA, 44 K, 332.2 IP, **27 CG**, 1 SHO, 1.32 WHIP, 1.5 K/BB, 5.5 WAR
 1870 NYL: Jim Creighton (EXC) – 27-15, 3.26 ERA, **162 K**, 356.0 IP, 30 CG, 3 SHO, 1.18 WHIP, **4.5 K/BB**, **9.8 WAR**
 1870 NEL: John Henry (ALL) – **30-7**, 3.05 ERA, 31 K, 330.2 IP, 29 CG, 1 SHO, 1.15 WHIP, 1.1 K/BB, 6.0 WAR

NEWCOMER/GREENHORN OF THE YEAR

1858: NYL – James Kyle (P, KNI), NEL – Anderson MacGyver (2B, StJ)
 1859: NYL – Anthony Littleton (CF, NIA), NEL – Hawk Peterson (3B, MM)
 1860: NYL – Charles Schuster (3B, MUT), NEL – Dag Nielsen (C, REA)
 1861: NYL – Thomas Branagh (OF, FC), NEL – Alistair Richardson (P, TU)
 1862: NYL – Wagner Morris (OF, BING), NEL – Ilkka Kivivuori (OF, REA)
 1863: NYL – Jackson Butler (SS, HAR), NEL – Edward Donovan (OF, PJ)
 1864: NYL – Cormack Alexander (1B, KC), NEL – Walter Dudley (3B, PJ)

1865: NYL – Peadar Daly (P, KNI), NEL – Royal Altman (OF, ALL)
1866: NYL – John Brown (P, UTI), NEL – Tom Ricks (P, SHA)
1867: NYL – Francis Smith (OF, MET), NEL – James Burke (OF, SHA)
1868: NYL – Garfield Koonce (1B, KC), NEL – Tom Hauser (P, AME)
1869: NYL – Ralph Knight (2B, FC), NEL – Ross Gill (P, QS)
1870: NYL – Fred Bartholomew (OF, FC), NEL – James Dressman (P, PORT)

NBBO RECORDS (SEASON & CAREER)

Batting Average: Royal Altman with .445 (1867) & Cormack Alexander with .391 (career; leads by .008)
On-Base Pct.: Arvi Hämäläinen with .486 (1862) & Konrad Jensen with .453 (career; leads by .032)
Slugging Pct.: Franklin Petty with .622 (1868) & Royal Altman with .528 (career; leads by .002)
On-Base + Slugging: Konrad Jensen with 1.088 (1868) & Konrad Jensen with .954 (career; leads by .010)
Games: 72 by Declan Brice (1867) & 980 by Edward Huntley, William Johnson, & Thomas Maloney (career; lead by 1)
At-Bats: 352 by Jonathan Narcisse (1869) & 4,417 by Arthur Waltrip (career; leads by 33)
Runs: 115 by William Johnson (1869) & 1,243 by William Johnson (career; leads by 97)
Hits: 143 by Collin Henderson (1869) & 1,527 by Samuel Kessler (career; leads by 3)
Total Bases: 199 by Samuel Kessler (1867) & 2,078 by Samuel Kessler (career; leads by 6)
Singles: 116 by Joseph Bentley (1857) & 1,181 by Arthur Waltrip (career; leads by 39)
Doubles: 40 by Garfield Koonce (1869) & 325 by Willie Davis (career; leads by 2)
Triples: 20 by Manuel Romeiras (1870) & 108 by Samuel Kessler (career; leads by 13)
Home Runs: 13 by William Busby (1868) & 36 by William Busby (career; leads by 9)
Runs Batted In: 92 by Tarmo Kuopio (1870) & 831 by Jerald Peterson (career; leads by 16)
Stolen Bases: 76 by Konrad Jensen (1866) & 735 by Walter Williams (career; leads by 16)
Bases on Balls: 60 by William Johnson (1869) & 520 by Konrad Jensen (career; leads by 108)
Batsman WPA: 7.31 by Edward Donovan (1868) & 53.82 by Konrad Jensen (career; leads by 0.17)
Batsman WAR: 5.8 by Anthony Mascherino (1861) & 56.8 by Anthony Mascherino (career; leads by 0.8)

Earned Run Average: James Goodman with 2.00 (1869) & Earl Quinn with 2.70 (career; leads by 0.08)
Wins: 30 by four pitchers (1857, 69-70) & Carl Bancroft with 263 (career; leads by 6)
Win Pct.: 1.000 by two pitchers (1860, 63) & Peadar Daly with .719 (career; leads by .009)
Games Pitched: 55 by Martin Stillwell (1869) & 542 by Carl Bancroft (career; leads by 8)
Games Started: 45 by three pitchers (1868-70) & 511 by Carl Bancroft (career; leads by 51)
Complete Games: 35 by Jim Creighton (1868) & 290 by Carl Bancroft (career; leads by 1)
Shutouts: 5 by Monroe Munson (1870) & 12 by Jim Creighton & John McGowan (career; lead by 1)
Innings Pitched: 362.0 by Jim Creighton (1868) & 4,116.0 by Carl Bancroft (career; leads by 308.1)
Strikeouts: 197 by Jim Creighton (1868) & 1,228 by Jim Creighton (career; leads by 217)
BB/9: 0.22 by Peadar Daly (1867) & 0.54 by Peadar Daly (career; lads by 0.27)

K/9: 4.89 by Jim Creighton (1868) & 3.15 by Jim Creighton (career; leads by 0.42)

Pitching WAR: 11.3 by Jim Creighton (1868) & 79.0 by Jim Creighton (career; leads by 8.3)

Pitching rWAR: 14.3 by James Goodman (1869) & 91.7 by Jim Creighton (career; leads by 13.2)