

# 1872 NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION REVIEW

## WRITERS POOL OBSERVATIONS

This was a strange season. The spring rule changes to pitching did indeed end up favoring the pitchers, but nobody could have predicted just how much of an impact they would have. Team scoring in the New York League was down around 9.5% (7.4 R/G to 6.7 R/G), and team scoring in the Northeastern League was *way* down. The NEL saw per team run production fall by 17.1% (7.6 R/G to 6.3 R/G).

Allowing pitchers finer control over the ball decreased Bases on Balls by around fifty percent as expected, but there was a knock-on effect in that, even though Batting Average went down around five percent, batsmen had a harder time taking Extra-Base Hits, which went down by 20-25%. The result: OPS in both leagues decreased by 50-60 points.

Portland's NEL Championship Series win over Quaker St. was the most stunning upset in NBBO history. The defending NBBO champs and 1872 #1 had won ten straight to end the season, while Portland played two one-run games in sweeping Susquehanna in the semifinals. That they then went down 0-2 and won three in a row to beat Quaker St. made the upset that much more improbable.

There has never been a pair of Greenhorns to dominate a league like what happened in the NEL in 1872. For much of the season Elijah Hill of Green Mtn. looked like might break the Batting Average record, but in the end he had to settle for "only" hitting .433. Earl Henry of Susquehanna won thirty games, nearly broke James Goodman's ERA record, and came within a few votes of winning Pitcher of the Year, Most Valuable Player, & Greenhorn of the Year at the same time.

Pity poor Robert Dressen. Because of the above, he had 22 Wins with a 2.95 ERA, led all NBBO pitchers in WAR at 7.4, and still had to settle for 3rd place in NEL Greenhorn of the Year voting.

Raise a glass to James Heilman. At the ripe young age of 42 years & 276 days, the Utica outfielder received a Team of the Year nomination for the first time in his sixteen NBBO seasons. He finished in the NYL top ten in Average, On-Base, OPS,

Runs, *Stolen Bases*, & Batsman WAR, and of course he led the league in Bases on Balls. At this point, it looks like he'll play as long as he feels like playing.

The new teams continue to impress. Marathon in Brooklyn, Mercury in NYC, and Maryland in Coastal all finished in 2nd place. Salem was 3rd in New England, and Star finished 4th in Brooklyn. The only new team that really had a dud of a season was Baltic, who finished last in New York City with the NBBO's worst record & Run Differential.

Unluckiest team of the year: undoubtedly previous NYC champs Metropolitan. Going 8-15 in one-run games meant that even though they had the NYL's best Run Differential at +110 they finished the season 38-32, which was good for 4th place in the New York City Championship.

NEW YORK LEAGUE STANDINGS

NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE STANDINGS

BROOKLYN	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD	COASTAL	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD
Eckford	45	25	.700	--	486	381	+105	Quaker St.	54	16	.771	--	591	364	+227
Marathon	40	30	.571	5	416	348	+68	Maryland	39	31	.557	15	414	381	+33
Atlantic	39	31	.557	6	478	418	+60	Trenton Utd.	34	36	.486	20	368	396	-28
Star	37	33	.529	8	495	473	+22	Newark	33	37	.471	21	394	431	-37
Continental	33	37	.471	12	404	453	-49	Port Jersey	32	38	.457	22	453	497	-44
Nassau Co.	30	40	.429	15	436	496	-60	National	30	40	.429	24	400	421	-21
Bedford	29	41	.414	16	446	501	-55	Olympic <sup>4</sup>	29	41	.414	25	419	450	-31
Empire	27	43	.386	18	412	503	-91	Tiger	29	41	.414	25	363	462	-99
N.Y.C.	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD	INLAND	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD
Union <sup>1</sup>	43	28	.606	--	594	493	+101	Susquehanna	42	28	.600	--	467	394	+73
Mercury	42	29	.592	1	481	424	+57	Pioneer	38	32	.543	4	421	442	-21
Mutual	40	30	.571	2.5	528	482	+46	Scranton	37	33	.529	5	439	483	-44
Metropolitan	38	32	.543	4.5	573	463	+110	Reading	35	35	.500	7	422	412	+10
Harlem	34	36	.486	8.5	495	551	-56	Lancastra B. <sup>5</sup>	34	36	.486	8	415	432	-17
N.Y.A.C.	32	38	.457	10.5	494	542	-48	Merrimack M.	34	36	.486	8	485	476	+9
Hilltop	27	43	.386	15.5	404	494	-90	Lake Erie	31	39	.443	11	428	409	+19
Baltic	25	45	.357	17.5	457	576	-119	Sportsman's	29	41	.414	13	431	460	-29
UPSTATE	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD	N. ENGLAND	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD
Syracuse	45	25	.643	--	488	384	+104	Portland	43	27	.614	--	554	436	+118
Minuteman <sup>2</sup>	39	31	.557	6	438	395	+43	S.o.t.O.	39	31	.557	4	513	402	+111
Utica	39	31	.557	6	493	405	+88	Salem <sup>6</sup>	36	34	.514	7	411	430	-19
Columbia <sup>3</sup>	34	36	.486	11	479	439	+40	Oceanic	36	34	.514	7	384	430	-46
Frontier	34	36	.486	11	465	489	-24	Granite	35	35	.500	8	471	493	-22
Victory	33	37	.471	12	446	479	-13	Cantabrigians	34	36	.486	9	432	463	-31
Eagle	29	41	.414	16	374	482	-108	Quinnipiac	30	40	.429	13	460	514	-54
Binghamton	27	43	.386	18	430	534	-104	Green Mtn.	27	43	.386	16	495	552	-57

<sup>1</sup>UNI won NYC in one-game playoff v MER; <sup>2</sup>MIN 6-4 v UTI; <sup>3</sup>COL 5-5 v FRO w/ higher RD

<sup>4</sup>OLY 5-5 v TIG w/ higher RD; <sup>5</sup>LB 7-3 v MM; <sup>6</sup>SAL 5-5 v OCE w/ higher RD

## PER TEAM STATISTICS

NYL: 6.7 R/G, .286, .656 OPS, 783 H, 107 2B, 25 3B, 6 HR, 66 SB, 3.32 ERA, 58 BB, 59 K, 5.8 E/G, .863 FLD%

NEL: 6.3 R/G, .283, .645 OPS, 764 H, 106 2B, 24 3B, 3 HR, 69 SB, 3.12 ERA, 60 BB, 61 K, 5.7 E/G, .864 FLD%

1871 NYL: 7.4 R/G, .293, .696 OPS, 793 H, 128 2B, 35 3B, 7 HR, 79 SB, 3.76 ERA, 107 BB, 52 K, 5.4 E/G, .876 FLD%

1871 NEL: 7.6 R/G, .299, .709 OPS, 810 H, 129 2B, 33 3B, 7 HR, 74 SB, 3.97 ERA, 115 BB, 59 K, 5.3 E/G, .877 FLD%

## TUCKER-WHEATON CUP PLAYOFFS

NYL SEMIFINALS: #3 Union beats #2 Syracuse 3-2

NEL SEMIFINALS: #2 Portland beats #3 Susquehanna 3-0

NYL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: #1 Eckford beats #3 Union 3-1

NEL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES: #2 Portland beats #1 Quaker State 3-2

TUCKER-WHEATON CUP FINAL GAME 1: PORT 2-4 ECK – Peter Charles (P, ECK) PotG

TUCKER-WHEATON CUP FINAL GAME 2: PORT 6-0 ECK – Grover Wright (P, PORT) PotG

TUCKER-WHEATON CUP FINAL GAME 3: ECK 5-6 PORT – Louis Beane (SS, PORT) PotG

TUCKER-WHEATON CUP FINAL GAME 4: ECK 9-2 PORT – Thomas Johnson (1B, ECK) PotG

TUCKER-WHEATON CUP FINAL GAME 5: PORT 2-12 ECK – Hanrahan Casey (CF, ECK) PotG

Eckford of Greenpoint (1st title) wins series 3-2

TWC FINAL MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Hanrahan Casey (CF, ECK)

ECKFORD: Hanrahan Casey (CF) – 8/19, 5 R, 1 2B, 4 RBI, 1 BB, 3 SB

PORTLAND: Dallas Campanelli (3B) – 11/20, 2 R, 2 2B, 3 RBI

## NEW YORK LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

**BATSMAN OF THE YEAR:** Chester Alexander – 30 y/o 2B, New York Athletic Club (1st career BotY)

- **.427/.441/.543, .984 OPS**, 72 R, 129 H, 24 2B, 4 3B, 1 HR, 71 RBI, 8 BB, 1 SB, 164 TB, **6.60 WPA**, 3.9 WAR
- Led NYL in AVG, SLG, & OPS; 2nd in Hits & TB; 3rd in OBP & RBI
- Troy Oberst (LF, MET) 2nd – .409, .943 OPS, 77 R, **137 H**, 26 2B, 5 3B, 61 RBI, 9 BB, **173 TB**, 4.71 WPA, 3.9 WAR
- Wilbur Graff (1B, MUT) 3rd – .382, **.446 OBP**, .897 OPS, 54 R, 112 H, 16 XBH, 1 HR, 68 RBI, 33 BB, 4.68 WPA, 3.2 WAR

**PITCHER OF THE YEAR:** George Layman – 33 y/o, Mercury (1st career PotY)

- **29-15**, 2.63 ERA, 33 K, **379.2 IP**, **37 CG**, 1 SHO, 27 BB, 1.21 WHIP, 1.2 K/BB, 6.3 WAR, 8.7 rWAR
- Set NBBO records for IP & CG; Had five more Wins than any other Pitcher in NYL
- Peter Charles (ECK) 2nd – 24-11, 2.97 ERA, 21 K, 314.2 IP, 22 CG, 2 SHO, 1.23 WHIP, 0.8 K/BB, 3.9 WAR, 6.9 rWAR
- Frank Bell (MAR) 3rd – 23-13, 2.54 ERA, 37 K, 336.1 IP, 30 CG, **3 SHO**, **1.12 WHIP**, **9.1 H/9**, 4.4 WAR, **10.0 rWAR**

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Alfred Span – 33 y/o CF, Mutual (1st career MVP)

- **.363, .887 OPS**, **98 R**, 114 H, 16 2B, 12 3B, 45 RBI, 17 BB, 28 SB, 154 TB, +10.6 ZR, 4.44 WPA, **4.1 WAR**
- Top five in seven offensive categories; 1st Mutual player to win MVP since Lee Wood (1857)
- George Layman (P, MER) 2nd – New York League Pitcher of the Year
- N. Hardingham (CF, UNI) 3rd – .355, .809 OPS, 68 R, 124 H, 23 XBH, 1 HR, **77 RBI**, 10 BB, 14 SB, 3.81 WPA, 2.4 WAR

**GREENHORN OF THE YEAR:** Sherman Friday – 25 y/o P, Continental

- 19-14, 3.07 ERA, 20 K, 269.2 IP, 21 CG, 1 SHO, 17 BB, 1.21 WHIP, 1.2 K/BB, 4.1 WAR, 4.9 rWAR
- NYL Pitcher of the Month for June (11-0, 1.83 ERA); Top ten in five pitching categories
- Moriarty Murray (2B, BED) 2nd – .338, .823 OPS, 62 R, 104 H, 29 XBH, 2 HR, 52 RBI, 4 BB, 3 SB, 2.70 WPA, 2.1 WAR
- Earl Ludgate (3B, UNI) 3rd – .320, .727 OPS, 66 R, 106 H, 15 XBH, 3 HR, 68 RBI, 10 BB, 2 SB, 1.44 WPA, 1.6 WAR

## GOLDEN GLOVES

- P: John Kimmerle (MUT/1st) – 24 PO, 48 AST, 1 DP, 20 E, 1.88 RNG, +4.1 ZR, 1.026 EFF
- C: James White (HILL/1st) – 33.3 RTO%, 3.69 C-ERA, +5.0 ZR, 1.071 EFF
- 1B: Sam Gillespie (NC/1st) – 528 PO, 38 AST, 21 DP, 18 E, 11.02 RNG, +8.8 ZR, 1.142 EFF
- 2B: Huibrecht v. d. Laan (ECK/1st) – 262 PO, 214 AST, 17 DP, 33 E, 7.01 RNG, +14.2 ZR, 1.120 EFF

- 3B: James Lindsey (SYR/2nd) – 109 PO, 123 AST, 5 DP, 25 E, 3.58 RNG, +13.0 ZR, 1.192 EFF
- SS: Earl Seals (MAR/2nd) – 214 PO, 239 AST, 19 DP, 62 E, 6.52 RNG, +20.3 ZR, 1.124 EFF
- LF: Frank Riley (ATL/1st) – 118 PO, 1 AST, 27 E, 1.78 RNG, +0.5 ARM, +5.0 ZR, 1.106 EFF
- CF: William Buschmann (UTI/2nd) – 186 PO, 13 AST, 26 E, 2.93 RNG, +1.1 ARM, +10.1 ZR, 1.099 EFF
- RF: Charles Wood (VIC/2nd) – 146 PO, 5 AST, 49 E, 2.31 RNG, +2.5 ARM, +12.3 ZR, 1.146 EFF

## TEAM OF THE YEAR

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- .29-15, 2.63 ERA, 33 K, **379.2 IP**, **37 CG**, 1 SHO, 27 BB, 1.21 WHIP, 1.2 K/BB, 6.3 WAR, 8.7 rWAR

C: Harold Rowsey (MET/1st)

- .348, .788 OPS, 53 R, 97 H, 14 2B, 0 3B, 2 HR, 46 RBI, 9 BB, 0 SB, 117 TB, 3.49 WPA, 2.3 WAR

1B: Wilbur Graff (MUT/2nd)

- .382, **.446 OBP**, .897 OPS, 54 R, 112 H, 13 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 68 RBI, 33 BB, 5 SB, 4.68 WPA, 3.2 WAR

2B: Chester Alexander (NYAC/1st)

- **.427**, **.543 SLG**, **.984 OPS**, 72 R, 129 H, 24 2B, 4 3B, 1 HR, 71 RBI, 8 BB, 164 TB, **6.60 WPA**, 3.9 WAR

3B: Ellis Terrien (STAR/1st)

- .349, .835 OPS, 50 R, 109 H, **28 2B**, 4 3B, 0 HR, 74 RBI, 10 BB, 6 SB, 145 TB, 4.02 WPA, 2.4 WAR

SS: Henry Nabors (VIC/3rd)

- .387, .864 OPS, 70 R, 125 H, 19 2B, 1 3B, 0 HR, 43 RBI, 14 BB, 12 SB, 146 TB, 3.88 WPA, 3.4 WAR

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OF: James Heilman (UTI/1st)

- .354, .857 OPS, 81 R, 102 H, 12 2B, 1 3B, 1 HR, 57 RBI, **42 BB**, 35 SB, 119 TB, 4.97 WPA, 3.5 WAR

## NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

**BATSMAN OF THE YEAR:** Eijah Hill – 25 y/o 1B, Green Mountain (1st career BotY)

- **.433/.456/.518, .974 OPS**, 72 R, 123 H, 20 2B, 2 3B, 45 RBI, 10 BB, 3 SB, 147 TB, 4.83 WPA, 3.5 WAR
- NEL top ten in ten offensive categories; 1st Greenhorn to win NEL BotY since Walter Dudley in 1864
- Ned Morganti (CF, QS) 2nd – NEL Most Valuable Player
- Herb Verrett (CF, MLD) 3rd – .375, **.556 SLG**, .940 OPS, 68 R, 120 H, **44 XBH**, 1 HR, 57 RBI, **178 TB**, **5.33 WPA**, 3.5 WAR

**PITCHER OF THE YEAR:** Earl Henry – 27 y/o, Susquehanna (1st career PotY)

- **30-11, 2.01 ERA**, 37 K, 359.0 IP, 32 CG, 1 SHO, 23 BB, 1.17 WHIP, 1.6 K/BB, 6.4 WAR, 11.3 rWAR
- 6th NEL P with 30+ Wins in a season; Set NEL ERA record; 1st Greenhorn to win PotY in either league
- Ross Gill (QS) 2nd – 28-11, 2.34 ERA, 44 K, 353.1 IP, 30 CG, **3 SHO**, **1.14 WHIP**, 1.8 K/BB, 6.8 WAR, **11.4 rWAR**
- Robert Daniels (MLD) 3rd – 19-9, 2.07 ERA, 29 K, 1235.1 IP, 22 CG, 1 SHO, 18 WHIP, 1.4 K/BB, 3.8 WAR, 7.7 rWAR

**MOST VALUABLE PLAYER:** Ned Morganti – 28 y/o CF, Quaker St. (1st career MVP)

- **.391/.414/.544, .958 OPS**, 73 R, **125 H**, 23 2B, 10 3B, 2 HR, **87 RBI**, 8 BB, 28 SB, 174 TB, 3.82 WPA, **3.7 WAR**
- NEL top five in twelve offensive categories; 1st Quaker St. player to win MVP
- Earl Henry (P, SUS) 2nd – Northeastern League Pitcher of the Year
- Dallas Campanelli (3B, PORT) 3rd – .359, .812 OPS, 70 R, 113 H, 22 XBH, 0 HR, 80 RBI, 4 BB, 4.41 WPA, 2.8 WAR

**GREENHORN OF THE YEAR:** Earl Henry – 27 y/o P, Susquehanna

- Also named Northeastern League Pitcher of the Year
- Won all three NEL Pitcher of the Month awards; Credited with 30 of Susquehanna's 42 wins
- Elijah Hill (1B, GM) 2nd – Northeastern League Batsman of the Year
- Robert Dressen (P, SAL) 3rd – 22-20, 2.95 ERA, 37 K, 357.1 IP, 26 CG, 2 SHO, 1.30 WHIP, 2.2 K/BB, **7.4 WAR**, 7.6 rWAR

**GOLDEN GLOVES**

- P: Isaac Sterling (REA/1st) – 10 PO, 45 AST, 1 DP, 7 E, 2.26 RNG, +5.1 ZR, 1.258 EFF
- C: Leonard Gellner (LE/1st) – **54.0 RTO%**, 2.96 C-ERA, +6.1 ZR, 1.104 EFF
- 1B: Gerhardt Berg (SotO/1st) – 670 PO, 54 AST, 23 DP, 25 E, 10.75 RNG, +4.8 ZR, 1.072 EFF
- 2B: Stanford Tiller (MLD/1st) – 302 PO, 212 AST, 20 DP, 42 E, 7.57 RNG, +16.2 ZR, 1.100 EFF

- 3B: Marten de Vos (TIG/1st) – 103 PO, 135 AST, 6 DP, 37 E, 3.51 RNG, +11.1 ZR, 1.142 EFF
- SS: Peter Jones (SAL/2nd) – 212 PO, 228 AST, 19 DP, 49 E, 6.57 RNG, +23.3 ZR, 1.170 EFF
- LF: William White (LB/1st) – 130 PO, 5 AST, 25 E, 1.91 RNG, +3.6 ARM, +6.8 ZR, 1.125 EFF
- CF: Fred Lydon (TU/2nd) – 200 PO, 7 AST, 30 E, 3.00 RNG, +2.5 ARM, +12.8 ZR, 1.148 EFF
- OF: Otto Humphries (SotO/1st) – 119 PO, 10 AST, 43 E, 1.94 RNG, +4.0 ARM, +6.9 ZR, 1.101 EFF

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- **30-11, 2.01 ERA**, 37 K, 359.0 IP, 32 CG, 1 SHO, 23 BB, 1.17 WHIP, 1.6 K/BB, 6.4 WAR, 11.3 rWAR

C: Bertrand Bosley (GM/1st)

- .313, .722 OPS, 57 R, 101 H, 16 2B, 4 3B, 1 HR, 68 RBI, 5 BB, 128 TB, 44.0 RTO%, 3.58 WPA, 1.8 WAR

1B: Elijah Hill (GM/1st)

- **.433, .456 OPS, .974 OPS**, 72 R, 123 H, 20 2B, 2 3B, 45 RBI, 10 BB, 147 TB, 4.83 WPA, 3.5 WAR

2B: Harold Groves (NAT/1st)

- .324, .764 OPS, 59 R, 102 H, 20 2B, 7 3B, 52 RBI, 5 BB, 12 SB, 136 TB, +11.0 ZR, 2.76 WPA, 2.9 WAR

3B: Dallas Campanelli (PORT/1st)

- .359, .812 OPS, 70 R, 113 H, 19 2B, 3 3B, 0 HR, 80 RBI, 4 BB, 1 SB, 138 TB, 4.41 WPA, 2.8 WAR

SS: Jonathan Richards (QS/1st)

- .343, .784 OPS, 73 R, 109 H, 18 2B, 3 3B, 1 HR, 55 RBI, 7 BB, 22 SB, 136 TB, 3.41 WPA, 2.5 WAR

OF: Peter Huff (SotO/1st)

- .357, .845 OPS, 57 R, 99 H, 24 2B, 3 3B, 0 HR, 51 RBI, 9 BB, 6 SB, 129 TB, 2.38 WPA, 2.3 WAR

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## MISCELLANEOUS

### SEASON RECORDS

- Salem pitchers set a new record for fewest Bases on Balls in a season with 31.
- George Layman (Frontier) set a new record for Complete Games in a season with 37.
- George Layman set a new record for Innings Pitched in a season with 379.0

### NEW YORK LEAGUE LEADERS

- Average: .427 by Chester Alexander (2B, N.Y.A.C.)
- On-Base: .446 by Wilbur Graff (1B, Mutual)
- Slugging: .543 by Chester Alexander
- OPS: .984 by Chester Alexander
- Hits: 137 by Troy Oberst (LF, Metropolitan)
- Extra-Base Hits: 34 by Earl Crosby (LF, Bedford)
- Doubles: 28 by Ellis Terrien (3B, Star)
- Triples: 14 by Lucuis Roberts (LF, Syracuse)
- Home Runs: 4 by Felix Brand (LF, Utica) & Earl Seals (SS, Marathon)
- Runs Batted In: 77 by Nicholas Hardingham (CF, Union)
- Runs: 98 by Alfred Span (CF, Mutual)
- Stolen Bases: 52 by Manuel Romeiras (CF, Harlem)
- Total Bases: 173 by Troy Oberst
- Bases on Balls: 42 by James Heilman (RF, Utica)
- Win Prob. Added: 6.60 by Chester Alexander
- Batsman WAR: 4.1 by Alfred Span
  
- Wins: 29 by George Layman (Mercury)
- Losses: 26 by Columbus German (Binghamton)
- ERA (150+ IP): 2.37 by Augustus Cook (Eckford)
- Innings: 379.2 by George Layman

- Complete Games: 37 by George Layman
- Shutouts: 3 by three different pitchers
- BB/9 (150+ IP): 0.3 by Augustus Cook
- Strikeouts: 53 by Richard Frazee (Syracuse)
- K/9 (150+ IP): 1.6 by Richard Frazee
- K/BB (150+ IP): 3.1 by Charles Rhodes (Frontier)
- WHIP (150+ IP): 1.12 by Frank Bell (Marathon)
- Pitcher WAR: 7.2 by Charles Rhodes
- Pitcher rWAR: 10.0 by Frank Bell

#### NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE LEADERS

- Average: .433 by Elijah Hill (1B, Green Mtn.)
  - On-Base: .456 by Elijah Hill
  - Slugging: .556 by Herb Verrett (CF, Maryland)
  - OPS: .974 by Elijah Hill
  - Hits: 125 by Ned Morganti (CF, Quaker St.)
  - Extra-Base Hits: 44 by Herb Verrett
  - Doubles: 31 by Herb Verrett
  - Triples: 13 by William White (LF, Lancastra B.)
  - Home Runs: 3 by William Harmon (2B, Sportsman's)
  - Runs Batted In: 87 by Ned Morganti
  - Runs: 84 by Luc Billon (LF, Quaker St.)
  - Stolen Bases: 53 by Steffen Strandlund (RF, Lake Erie)
  - Total Bases: 178 by Herb Verrett
  - Bases on Balls: 28 by Gregersen Rohrmann (RF, Pioneer)
  - Win Prob. Added: 5.33 by Herb Verrett
  - Batsman WAR: 3.7 by Ned Morganti
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- Wins: 30 by Earl Henry (Susquehanna)
  - Losses: 24 by Marshall Yarber (Olympic)

- ERA (150+ IP): 2.01 by Earl Henry
- Innings: 372.2 by Tynan Steward (Reading A.C.)
- Complete Games: 34 by William Jones (Cantabrigians)
- Shutouts: 3 by three different pitchers
- BB/9 (150+ IP): 0.4 by three different pitchers
- Strikeouts: 53 by Washington Kihlstedt (Sportsman's)
- K/9 (150+ IP): 1.5 by Washington Kihlstedt
- K/BB (150+ IP): 2.4 by Washington Kihlstedt
- WHIP (150+ IP): 1.14 by Ross Gill (Quaker St.)
- Pitcher WAR: 7.4 by Robert Dressen (Salem)
- Pitcher rWAR: 11.4 by Ross Gill

#### ACHIEVEMENTS & NOTABLE EVENTS

- May 1: James Claus (Lancastra B.) opens the season with five hits & six RBI at Susquehanna.
  - May 25: Union sets a NYL record & ties the NBBO record for Runs in their 30-3 home win against Baltic.
  - June 6: Jonathan Batts (Reading) has five Hits & seven RBI against Sportsman's.
  - June 14: Ned Morganti (Quaker St.) hits two HR and finishes 4/6 with five runs & six RBI against Tiger S.C.
  - July 11: Joseph Gant (Susquehanna) pitches the fifth No-Hitter in NBBO history; the first in five years.
  - July 14: Herb Verrett (MLD) hits the NBBO's 2nd Cycle in two days in the same venue.
  - July 17: NEL wins the All-Star Game 12-7 at the Philadelphia Cricket Grounds (QS). Elijah Hill (1B, GM) is MVP.
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- Three players hit .400 or better, down from a record six in each of the previous two seasons.
  - There were five six-hit games in 1871.
  - The longest Hitting Streak this season was 37 games by Dave Dawson (QUI), which ended on July 20th.
  - Nobody hit 5+ Home Runs in 1872. Four players hit that many the previous season.
  - Three players had 75+ RBI in 1872, the same amount as in 1871.
  - After three straight seasons in which two pitchers had 30+ wins, only Earl Henry (SUS) had won 30+ games in 1872.
  - Three pitchers finished the season with 25+ Wins.