

1874 NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION ALL-STAR GAME

TOOK PLACE IN NATION'S CAPITAL FOR THE 1ST TIME; PORTLAND & SUSQUEHANNA LED NOMINATIONS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (July 27, 1874) – With three weeks left to play in the NBBO season, it's time for the annual NBBO All-Star Game! Rules were the same as always:

- 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.

This year it was the Northeastern League's turn to host the contest, and NBBO headquarters decided it wanted to bring the game to a major city that hadn't hosted it yet. So, even though the local team, National B.C., was 12-43, George Washington Stadium in the nation's capital hosted the 16th NBBO All-Star Game.

The rosters were a bit different than last year's diverse lot. There were no dominant teams once again in the NYL – five teams led with three nominees each – but with Portland & Susquehanna sitting at 42-13 they led the NEL in nominees, combining for eight All-Stars in total.

There were 31 first-time nominees (NYL: 14, NEL: 17) at the All-Star Game, down from last year's 32, and one Greenhorn was taking part: Portland's five-star 3B Alfred Williams. Six first-timers were starting.

The player that received the most fanfare in Washington was the sport's Grand Old Man: Utica RF James Heilman. Heilman, in his eighteenth season as a regular batsman in the NBBO, entered the All-Star Game leading the NYL in Batting Average, OPS, Runs Batted In, Bases on Balls, & Batsman WAR playing for the team with the league's best record.

While Washington, D.C., had what would certainly end the season as the NBBO's worst team, at least for one day in 1874 the city's baseball fans were able to see and play host to the league's best players.

Rosters for the 1874 NBBO All-Star Game were as follows, with starters marked in red:

NEW YORK LEAGUE ROSTERS

P: Perry Franklin (BED/1st) – 19-11, 2.73 ERA, 22 K, 1.28 WHIP, 3.7 WAR
 P: Edward Koch (UNI/2nd) – 19-12, 2.58 ERA, 20 K, 1.24 WHIP, 4.0 WAR
 P: George Layman (MUT/2nd) – 20-14, 3.47 ERA, 12 K, 1.53 WHIP, 4.7 WAR
 P: Jesse McDermott (UTI/1st) – 19-8, 2.35 ERA, 17 K, 1.33 WHIP, 2.7 WAR
 P: **Olaf Sorensen (ATL/4th) – 21-12, 2.29 ERA, 21 K, 1.13 WHIP, 4.1 WAR**
 P: William Tighe (MIN/4th) – 18-9, 3.48 ERA, 26 K, 1.37 WHIP, 4.4 WAR

C: William Cook (UTI/1st) – .332, 2 HR, 51 RBI, 2.42 C-ERA, 1.1 WAR
 C: Edmond Price (BING/1st) – .357, 11 2B, 1 3B, 52 RBI, 1.5 WAR
 C: **Harold Rowsey (MET/2nd) – .328, 9 XBH, 51 RBI, 2.77 C-ERA, 1.6 WAR**

1B: Thomas Johnson (ECK/2nd) – .329, 13 2B, 3 3B, 55 RBI, 1.5 WAR
 1B: Paul LaGuerre (MIN/1st) – .322, 18 XBH, 2 HR, 49 RBI, 1.4 WAR
 1B: Terje Olsen (EAG/1st) – .365, 15 XBH, 2 HR, 43 RBI, 1.1 WAR
2B: Chester Alexander (SYR/3rd) – .352, 16 XBH, 1 HR, 45 RBI, 1.5 WAR
 2B: Henry Neal (ATL/2nd) – .349, 9 XBH, 2 HR, 51 RBI, 2.1 WAR
 2B: Huibrecht v. d. Laan (ECK/2nd) – .306, 2 HR, 36 RBI, +14.4 ZR, 2.4 WAR
3B: William Denham (CON/1st) – .315, 19 XBH, 1 HR, 53 RBI, 2.2 WAR
 3B: Floyd Fountain (COL/1st) – .336, 13 XBH, 1 HR, 50 RBI, 1.2 WAR
 3B: Isaac Kelly (ECK/4th) – .284, 17 XBH, 1 HR, 38 RBI, 1.6 WAR
 SS: William Holcomb (BED/1st) – .315, 1 HR, 43 RBI, +16.6 ZR, 2.4 WAR
 SS: Hugh Mercer (MIN/1st) – .335, 1 HR, 37 RBI, +12.8 ZR, 2.3 WAR
SS: Henry Nabors (VIC/8th) – .353, 16 XBH, 2 HR, 59 RBI, 2.1 WAR

LF: William Simons (MET/1st) – .287, 20 XBH, 1 HR, 45 RBI, 2.0 WAR
 LF: Henry Stoltz (MER/1st) – .355, 10 2B, 3 3B, 28 RBI, 1.9 WAR
LF: William Vickers (CON/1st) – .325, 1 HR, 53 RBI, 25 SB, 2.5 WAR
 CF: Francis Smith (MET/3rd) – .315, 16 2B, 7 3B, 56 RBI, 2.3 WAR
CF: Herb Verrett (ATL/3rd) – .350, 25 XBH, 1 HR, 52 RBI, 2.6 WAR
 CF: George Whaley (FRO/2nd) – .323, 19 XBH, 1 HR, 55 RBI, 2.0 WAR
 RF: Farris Crowe (BAL/2nd) – .347, 26 XBH, 1 HR, 43 RBI, 2.0 WAR
RF: James Heilman (UTI/3rd) – .372, 18 XBH, 1 HR, 68 RBI, 2.7 WAR
 RF: Robert Wolf (MUT/1st) – .368, 26 XBH, 1 HR, 62 RBI, 1.9 WAR

NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE ROSTERS

P: William Berg (SotO/1st) – 18-11, 2.28 ERA, 13 K, 1.13 WHIP, 2.7 WAR
 P: George Burroughs (PJ/1st) – 17-14, 2.81 ERA, 29 K, 1.28 WHIP, 4.3 WAR
 P: James Dressman (PORT/4th) – 25-6, 2.26 ERA, 25 K, 1.19 WHIP, 3.5 WAR
 P: Ross Gill (QS/5th) – 20-12, 2.82 ERA, 21 K, 1.19 WHIP, 4.1 WAR
P: William Hawk (SUS/1st) – 24-6, 1.99 ERA, 32 K, 1.15 WHIP, 4.2 WAR
 P: Thomas Koch (TU/1st) – 17-3, 2.61 ERA, 21 K, 1.14 WHIP, 2.9 WAR

C: Bertrand Bosley (GM/3rd) – .344, 15 XBH, 1 HR, 53 RBI, 2.1 WAR
C: Hal Brinks (SotO/1st) – .364, 18 XBH, 63 RBI, 2.47 C-ERA, 2.0 WAR
 C: Jonathan Day (CAN/3rd) – .332, 18 2B, 9 3B, 50 RBI, 1.6 WAR

1B: Gerhardt Berg (QS/5th) – .395, 16 XBH, 1 HR, 53 RBI, 2.4 WAR
 1B: Joseph Jurski (SUS/1st) – .335, 9 2B, 3 3B, 55 RBI, 1.5 WAR
 1B: Enda Reed (PORT/6th) – .340, 13 XBH, 1 HR, 50 RBI, 1.5 WAR
 2B: Will Strausbaugh (PJ/5th) – .348, 17 XBH, 2 HR, 36 RBI, 1.6 WAR
 2B: William Sudduth (MM/1st) – .375, 14 2B, 3 3B, 47 RBI, 1.6 WAR
2B: Frank Thomas (PIO/4th) – .339, 8 2B, 3 3B, 51 RBI, 2.1 WAR
 3B: Henry Dubbs (CAN/1st) – .328, 18 2B, 4 3B, 52 RBI, 1.7 WAR
 3B: Bertrand Sargent (SUS/3rd) – .336, 12 2B, 6 3B, 61 RBI, 1.9 WAR
3B: Alfred Williams (PORT/GH) – .322, 11 2B, 11 3B, 47 RBI, 2.6 WAR
 SS: Thomas Ashley (PJ/1st) – .271, 1 HR, 43 RBI, +18.5 ZR, 1.5 WAR
SS: Jonathan Richards (QS/3rd) – .310, 1 HR, 41 RBI, +13.7 ZR, 2.3 WAR
 SS: Earl Seals (TU/4th) – .241, 15 XBH, 35 RBI, +20.1 ZR, 2.2 WAR

LF: Robert Basalyga (LB/1st) – .373, 14 2B, 7 3B, 61 RBI, 2.0 WAR
LF: George Bowman (PIO/1st) – .368, 7 2B, 10 3B, 45 RBI, 2.2 WAR
 LF: Sam Brown (OCE/1st) – .340, 12 2B, 4 3B, 48 RBI, 1.9 WAR
CF: Ned Morganti (QS/6th) – .402, 22 XBH, 1 HR, 63 RBI, 3.4 WAR
 CF: John Schultz (SUS/1st) – .363, 1 HR, 39 RBI, 31 SB, 3.0 WAR
 CF: William White (LB/1st) – .346, 12 2B, 9 3B, 55 RBI, 2.9 WAR
RF: Luc Billon (PORT/7th) – .342, 8 2B, 1 3B, 50 RBI, 2.3 WAR
 RF: Henry Card (MLD/1st) – .352, 1 HR, 45 RBI, 23 SB, 2.1 WAR
 RF: Elton Matthews (OLY/1st) – .390, 15 2B, 1 3B, 36 RBI, 1.3 WAR

So, how did this year's All-Star Game turn out?



NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION NEW YORK LEAGUE ALL-STARS AT NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE ALL-STARS GAME ID: 2115 - MONDAY, JULY 27TH, 1874 - GAME LOG												
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
New York League All-Stars	0	2	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	8	10	9
Northeastern League All-Stars	5	0	2	2	0	1	4	0	X	14	19	9

The Northeastern League began the festivities with a bang, scoring five times in the 1st inning on a pair of NYL fielding errors followed by five Singles and a Sacrifice Fly. After a pair of NYL runs during the top of the 2nd, the NEL scored twice in the 3rd on a Henry Card Triple and twice in the 4th (Single & Sac Fly) to make it a 9-2 game. The nine runs were enough for the win, and from there it was just a matter of game management until it was time to celebrate.

The All-Star Game Most Valuable Player was Merrimack Mills 2B William Sudduth:

- NYL SUB W. Sudduth (2B): 2/2, 2B, 2 R, 2 RBI

There were two NEL players who finished the game with three base hits – Hal Brinks & Earl Seals – but Sudduth was the only batsman with a pair of Runs & RBI each, and for that he took home the MVP trophy.

The pitchers of record were Thomas Koch of Trenton United with the Win and Olaf Sorensen of Atlantic with the Loss.

Attendance was 10,919 at George Washington Stadium in Washington, D.C., and the sellout crowd was able to enjoy a game in partly cloudy, 73-degree weather that was excellent for a midsummer gathering of the best players in the NBBO.