

# UNIQUE NBBO HISTORY MADE TO END 1876

## ATLANTIC MEN ARE 1-3 IN NYL IN AVERAGE; SUSQUEHANNA SETS RECORDS FOR RUNS & DIFFERENTIAL

BROOKLYN, N.Y. & WILKES-BARRE, PENN. (Aug. 14, 1876) – Some unique N.B.B.O. history was made at the team level to end the 1876 season, all of it involving offensive excellence.

Atlantic B.B.C. didn't quite lead the New York League in Runs, finishing third, but they were the league leaders in Batting Average, On-Base, Slugging, & OPS. As part of that batting proficiency, the Atlantic lineup did something never seen before: they had each of the top three finishers for the [N.Y.L. Batting Title](#):

- #1: .413 by Jackson Wright (N.B.B.O. Batting Champion)
- #2: .391 by Ben Gagliardi (#2 overall)
- #3: .365 by Herb Verrett (#6 overall)

The trio also topped the New York League OPS charts, something never done before:

- #1: .972 by Jackson Wright (N.B.B.O. leader)
- #2: .883 by Herb Verrett (#4 overall)
- #3: .872 by Ben Gagliardi (#5 overall)

It will surprise few to know that, with the stars of the lineup hitting so well, Atlantic finished 46-24 and won the Brooklyn Championship for the first time in five years.

Over in the Northeastern League, Susquehanna B.C. wrapped up the regular portion of the season with a 10-5 loss at Merrimack, but in spite of that the 1874 Tucker-Wheaton Cup champions finished the season with the N.B.B.O.'s #1 overall won-loss mark and two important N.B.B.O. records. While Susquehanna wasn't able to come close to Quaker State's 1871 team that went 58-12 for the winningest season in the history of the competition, the Inland champions did set new records for both Runs Scored and Run Differential.

First, Susquehanna finished the season scoring [724 Runs](#), good for 10.3 Runs per game. That made Susquehanna the second team in N.B.B.O. history to score 700+ Runs in a season, and it broke the record of 701 Runs (10.0 R/G) scored by St. John's during the 1869 campaign.

The second record Susquehanna broke dealt with how badly they outscored their opposition. While Susquehanna scored those 724 Runs they allowed just 415, good for second in the N.E.L. and fourth overall. That makes for a record-setting [Run Differential of +309](#) (+4.4 R/G), with Susquehanna becoming the first team in any league with a Run Differential of +300 or better. The previous record was held by that 1871 Quaker St. team, which had a +290 (+4.1 R/G) differential.

One individual record of note: George Burroughs' ERA record lasted all of one year. It took nineteen N.B.B.O. seasons for a Pitcher with 175+ innings to have an Earned Run Average under 2.00, but N.Y.A.C.'s Charles Rhodes made it two in two seasons by bettering Burroughs' 1.99 from 1875 with a 1.84 ERA over 342.1 innings during 1876, with other marks likely to make him N.Y.L. Pitcher of the Year even though defending P.o.t.Y. William Tighe won six more times (28-11 vs 22-15).