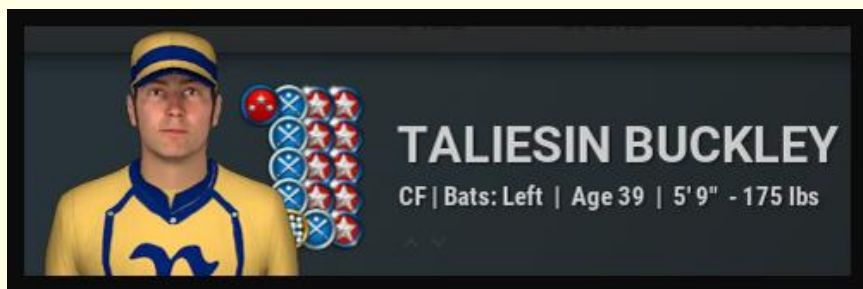


# ANOTHER BATCH OF EARLY STARS RETIRES

## BUCKLEY & PETERSON CALL TIME ON THEIR CAREERS, AS DO OTHER NOTABLE PLAYERS

NORTHEAST U.S.A. (Oct. 1, 1876) – The baseball season has ended, autumn is in the air, the leaves are changing their colors, and that means another batch of the early stars of baseball have made the decision to hand up their cleats for good.



Englishman Taliesin Buckley joined Gotham as a 24-year-old in 1861 and had a positive impact (.337, 42 RBI, 41 SB, 2.0 WAR) before making the first of his nine N.B.B.O. or A.P.B.L. All-Star Game in 1862. He made his first Team of the Year in 1863.

After five years, three All-Star Games, and two appearances in the team of the year for Gotham, Buckley joined Niagara for the 1866

season. Buckley struggled in his first season upstate but was back in All-Star form during the second of his six years in Buffalo. He stayed with the team through the end of the inaugural season of the A.P.B.L., making five All-Star Game and the last two of his five Teams of the Year

Buckley joined Orange for the 1872 season, and he won the only championship of his career as he team's CF in 1874. After four years in Manhattan he played one final season as the regular RF for Excelsior.

Buckley's [career](#):

- 16 YRS: .325, .788 OPS, 1,242 R, 1,760 R, 465 XBH, 14 HR, 912 RBI, 141 BB, 697 SB, 54.0 WPA, 48.5 WAR
- 1x A.P.B.L. Champion (1874)
- 9x All-Star (7x N.B.B.O., 2x A.P.B.L.), 5x Team N.Y.L. Team of the Year (1862-63, 67-68, 70)



Jerald Peterson was the regular 3B for Kings County during the inaugural season of the N.B.B.O. at the age of 22, which marked the beginning of a six-team, twenty-year career. Peterson would make nine All-Star Games, six Teams of the Year, and three N.B.B.O. titles. Peterson wouldn't join the A.P.B.L. until very late in his career, but when he finally did he was a productive player even though he was in his 40's.

The peak of Peterson's career came during his eight years with Kings County, where he was part of their back-to-back cup-winning teams in 1860 & 1861, and he won N.Y.L. Batsman of the Year in 1860. In a move that was seen as perplexing at the time, he left Brooklyn for Sons of the Ocean in the mid-60's, then joined Knickerbocker after two seasons in Massachusetts and immediately won his third Tucker-Wheaton Cup in 1867.

Peterson left Knickerbocker for Minuteman after the 1869 season, and he opted to stay with in Albany for a second season instead of moving to the A.P.B.L. for its inaugural season. He then played with Metropolitan for two seasons before finally entering the A.P.B.L. in 1874 by signing with Alleghany at the age of 39.

Peterson played in two Founders' Cup with Alleghany and was their regular 1B in each of his three seasons with the team, and he remained a .300 hitter in 1876 even though he was 42 years old at the end of the season.

Peterson's [career](#):

- 20 YRS: .332, .797 OPS, 1,483 R, 2,172 H, 509 XBH, 19 HR, 1,231 RBI, 350 BB, 214 SB, 60.8 WPA, 50.6 WAR
- 1860 (BotY): .363/.419/.515, 70 R, 107 H, 25 2B, 4 3B, 4 HR, 68 RBI, 27 BB, 9 SB, 152 TB, 3.4 WPA, 3.0 WAR
- 3x N.B.B.O. Champion (1860-61, 67)
- 1x N.Y.L. Batsman of the Year (1860)
- 1x Tucker-Wheaton Cup Final M.V.P. (1860)
- 9x N.B.B.O. All-Star (1859-61, 64, 66-67, 70-71, 73)
- 6x N.Y.L. Team of the Year (1859-61, 67, 70, 73)

Other notable retirees:

Obelix Tsiaris – Upon joining Flour City in 1864 as a 26-year-old, Tsiaris immediately became an impact player. Two years later made both the first of his seven All-Star Games and his two N.Y.L. Teams of the Year (1866, 69). After six years with Flour City, Tsiaris joined Excelsior for the 1870 season and was a star CF for four years before joining Niagara, where he was their CF for two years before serving as a backup for their pennant-winning team this past season.

- 13 YRS: .328, .782 OPS, 996 R, 1,420 H, 314 XBH, 8 HR, 648 RBI, 174 BB, 331 SB, 39.8 WPA, 36.1 WAR  
7x All-Star (5x N.B.B.O., 2x A.P.B.L.), 2x Team of the Year (N.Y.L.)

Hawk Peterson – A utility infielder who played for eighteen years, Peterson was an All-Star in his debut season as a 23-year-old with Merrimack in 1859. After four years there he moved to Alleghany, and after two decent years in Pittsburgh he joined Orange B.B.C., where he had his biggest successes, earning three Golden Gloves, two All-Star Game nominations, one Team of the Year nod, and the 1868 championship during his seven seasons there. After leaving Orange, he spent three seasons with Flour City before splitting his last two with Mass. Bay & St. John's

- 18 YRS: .327, .794 OPS, 1,169 R, 1,759 H, 403 XBH, 21 HR, 914 RBI, 242 BB, 199 SB, 45.7 WPA, 39.2 WAR  
1x N.B.B.O. Champion (1868), 1859 N.E.L. Greenhorn of the year  
3x N.Y.L. Golden Glove (1865-66, 68), 3x N.B.B.O. All-Star (1859, 65-66), 2x Team of the Year (1x N.Y.L., 1x N.E.L.)

Tarmo Kuopio – The Finnish 1B joined St. John's for the 1868 season, and in the three seasons before the league split he had three of the four highest RBI totals in N.B.B.O. history to that point. He was 6th in RBI in the A.P.B.L.'s inaugural season. After Kuopio's run production dropped by a third in 1872, he left for Excelsior and spent one year as their 1B before spending three more years as a backup with Excelsior & Flour City before retiring at age 36.

- 9 YRS: .335, .774 OPS, 482 R, 772 H, 150 XBH, 1 HR, 519 RBI, 59 BB, 73 SB, 16.5 WPA, 16.8 WAR  
2x Champion (1x N.B.B.O., 1x A.P.B.L.), 3x N.B.B.O. leader in RBI (1868-70)

James Hoyt – Debuted with Flour City in 1860 as a 25-year-old, and three years later won N.Y.L. Batsman of the year when the N.B.B.O. was the top level of the sport. He left Flour City to join Knickerbocker for the 1864 season, and was part of their famous 1865 team that went 57-13 that set the record for fewest Runs Allowed per game that still stands. He then

joined Kings Co. in 1867, but spent only three years there before joining Minuteman instead of staying with K.C. and hoping to stick with them through the league split. He then played for Mutual, N.Y.A.C., & Hilltop over the final five seasons of his seventeen-year career, all of which were spent in the N.B.B.O.

- 17 YRS: .328, .794 OPS, 1,096 R, 1,638 H, 415 XBH, 4 HR, 706 RBI, 199 BB, 153 SB, 41.2 WPA, 34.1 WAR  
1863 (BotY): .395, .979 OPS, **91 R**, **131 H**, 22 2B, **14 3B**, 1 HR, 61 RBI, 16 BB, 18 SB, 184 TB, **6.0 WPA**, 3.5 WAR  
1x N.B.B.O. Champion (1865), 1x N.Y.L. Batsman of the Year (1863)  
4x N.B.B.O. All-Star (1863, 65, 68-69), 1x N.Y.L. Team of the Year (1863)

Enda Reed – Spent fifteen years in the N.B.B.O. with Shamrock (1862-63), Merrimack (64-67), & Portland (68-76) as a 1B/3B. Reed won his only N.B.B.O. title during his Greenhorn season with Shamrock, but he had his most success in Maine, where during his nine years with Portland he went to the playoffs four times, the final of the Tucker-Wheaton Cup twice, earned three All-Star Game appearances, and won N.E.L. Most Valuable Player in 1872. Reed was a rare player in that his best seasons occurred after he turned 35.

- 15 YRS: .349, .846 OPS, 883 R, 1,443 H, 350 XBH, 11 HR, 801 RBI, 243 BB, 126 SB, 43.2 WPA, 35.4 WAR  
1872 (MVP): .394, .934 OPS, 71 R, 117 H, 24 2B, 6 3B, 0 HR, 60 RBI, 14 BB, 2 SB, 4.6 WPA, 3.8 WAR  
1x N.B.B.O. Champion (1862), 1x N.E.L. Most Valuable Player (1872)  
6x N.B.B.O. All-Star (63, 65-66, 71, 73-74), 2x Golden Glove (1863, 73), 1x N.E.L. Team of the Year (1872)