

1879 NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION ALL-STAR GAME

GAME HELD IN BALTIMORE FOR FIRST TIME; ECKFORD & SUSQUEHANNA LEAD WITH FIVE NOMINEES

BALTIMORE, MLD. (July 28, 1879) – With three weeks left to play in the season, it's time for the twentieth edition of the annual N.B.B.O. 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 festivities. Since Washington, D.C. had the chance to host the game in 1874, league executives decided that this year's honor would go to the city with the next largest venue in the N.E.L.: Baltimore, Maryland, which is home to the 13,735-seat Cecil Calvert Park.

The N.Y.L. roster was led by the N.B.B.O.'s #1 team, Eckford, who sent five players – two started – to Baltimore. No other team had more than three. Once again, the magnificent Charles “The Colossus” Rhodes was the N.Y.L.'s starting Pitcher. One note of interest: half of the starting batsmen for the N.Y.L. were making their first All-Star Game appearance.

The N.E.L. was led, yet again, by Susquehanna's five nominees, and for the second consecutive year the best team in the N.E.L. by five games would have a quartet of starters: P William Hawk, C Scott Lyons, SS Stephen Barley, & OF Walter Braden. No other team sent more than three players to the game. The N.E.L. also had the only Greenhorn to start: Bunker Hill 3B Oliver Johnson.

There were 28 first-time nominees in this year's All-Star Game (NYL: 15, NEL: 13), and six of the first-timers were Greenhorns. In addition, Lyons had made the game during his first full season as a regular for Susquehanna after one as a backup. The elder statesmen this year were Eckford 3B Isaac Kelly, Trenton Utd. SS Earl Seals, & Metro CF Francis Smith, who were all making their eighth appearance.

Rosters for the 1878 NBBO All-Star Game were as follows, with starters marked in red:

NEW YORK LEAGUE ALL-STARS


POS	NAME	TEAM	ASG	W	L	ERA	K	IP	CG	SHO	K/BB	K/9	HA/9	WHIP	WAR	rWAR
P	William Barnhill	ECK	1st	23	6	2.70	42	276.2	22	2	1.4	1.4	9.9	1.21	3.8	4.3
P	Seymour Donahue	UTI	1st	20	14	3.58	36	268.2	17	0	1.4	1.2	12.8	1.52	4.7	2.8
P	Charles Rhodes	NYAC	6th	18	11	2.01	98	282.0	21	0	7.5	3.1	8.8	1.03	7.6	9.2
P	Arthur Rice	UNI	1st	18	12	2.79	67	263.2	20	1	3.5	2.3	10.3	1.22	6.2	8.1
P	Howard Shepherd	CON	2nd	18	16	3.20	92	269.2	21	0	3.4	3.1	10.9	1.32	6.5	1.9
P	John Watson	MER	2nd	15	11	2.67	50	273.1	17	0	1.3	1.6	10.8	1.22	4.5	3.6

POS	NAME	TEAM	ASG	AVG	OPS	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	WPA	WAR	OTH
C	Robert Borut	ECK	2nd	.320	.784	46	70	15	3	2	44	7	2	1.7	1.9	2.83 CERA
C	Adelfried Hauser	UTI	1st	.376	.832	37	77	7	1	1	35	7	0	1.3	1.6	
C	Thomas Robinson	EAG	1st	.336	.749	41	76	11	2	0	47	5	3	2.9	1.2	
1B	Willis Michaelson	FRO	1st	.349	.847	58	82	14	7	1	36	6	2	2.4	1.5	
1B	Bernard Puckett	BING	3rd	.331	.797	59	85	12	6	1	54	12	5	2.9	1.5	
1B	Jackson Wright	ATL	3rd	.340	.871	62	85	21	4	1	47	17	0	4.1	2.5	.403 OBP
2B	Thomas Ivins	EMP	1st	.320	.756	65	83	10	5	1	32	8	9	3.4	1.6	
2B	Walter Musson	MER	1st	.335	.758	39	83	12	2	1	49	5	5	3.7	2.1	+10.8 ZR
2B	William Snyder	ECK	3rd	.309	.713	52	71	7	5	0	42	7	9	1.9	2.3	+13.3 ZR
3B	William Denham	CON	4th	.342	.839	53	88	16	8	1	45	7	1	2.8	2.5	
3B	Isaac Kelly	ECK	8th	.340	.785	63	90	18	1	0	53	13	3	3.4	2.8	
3B	Lee Thompson	STAR	1st	.383	.905	40	79	11	2	1	43	16	1	2.7	2.4	.434 OBP
SS	Frank Morrison	MET	1st	.284	.673	28	57	9	4	0	44	6	2	1.8	2.0	+18.0 ZR
SS	Henry Smith	UTI	GH	.346	.813	59	88	10	5	0	46	19	1	3.5	1.8	
SS	Louis Stephens	BED	1st	.353	.843	57	84	11	6	1	33	10	12	1.4	1.8	
OF	Wilford Horwood	BED	1st	.352	.864	52	88	12	9	1	57	8	5	3.1	2.1	
OF	Louis Murray	ECK	4th	.364	.886	80	98	15	9	1	52	9	62	5.5	3.2	
OF	Herb Verrett	ATL	5th	.342	.865	60	89	17	12	0	54	8	7	4.0	2.3	.500 SLG
CF	Francis Smith	MET	8th	.347	.843	63	90	9	11	1	52	6	28	3.0	2.5	
CF	George Whaley	FRO	3rd	.355	.865	72	87	17	7	1	54	7	20	3.1	2.2	
CF	Robert Wolf	MUT	3rd	.382	.917	62	100	9	11	1	51	11	12	4.2	2.2	.511 SLG
OF	Michael Akhverdov	CON	GH	.341	.903	62	84	11	8	5	41	19	13	2.1	3.0	.512 SLG
OF	Jack Anastasio	NYAC	4th	.281	.722	52	68	11	8	0	47	18	48	2.4	1.8	
OF	Murdock Whitehurst	MIN	1st	.385	.957	74	94	15	11	1	69	9	12	3.9	2.8	.549 SLG

NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE ALL-STARS


POS	NAME	TEAM	ASG	W	L	ERA	K	IP	CG	SHO	K/BB	HRA	HA/9	WHIP	WAR	rWAR
P	William Burrow	PBCC	GH	18	12	3.13	33	262	20	0	1.5	1.1	10.4	1.24	4.6	3.4
P	John Faulkner	LBR	4th	19	10	3.41	58	261.2	17	1	1.9	2.0	10.5	1.28	5.2	3.1
P	William Hawk	SUS	4th	23	8	2.54	71	273.0	21	0	4.4	2.3	10.7	1.25	5.8	5.9
P	Ben Lauppe	NAT	2nd	17	14	3.62	76	258.1	17	0	1.9	2.6	10.5	1.32	4.9	3.3
P	Richard Majors	GM	1st	18	13	2.52	83	257.1	21	1	1.7	2.9	9.3	1.23	5.0	4.3
P	Francis Molinari	PORT	4th	18	11	3.45	88	250.1	14	0	3.1	3.2	11.3	1.37	4.2	2.4
POS	NAME	TEAM	ASG	AVG	OPS	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	BB	SB	WPA	WAR	OTH
C	Bertrand Bosley	GM	6th	.316	.816	50	67	11	10	0	32	13	2	2.6	2.2	2.29 CERA
C	Robert Harrelson	LBA	1st	.353	.781	36	71	8	1	0	48	8	1	3.6	1.7	
C	Scott Lyons	SUS	1st	.401	1.012	74	83	17	4	3	62	18	0	3.3	3.0	.565 SLG
1B	Jesse Craig	SotO	3rd	.368	.848	60	92	13	3	0	43	16	1	3.5	2.8	.404 OBP
1B	Wilbur Graff	PBCC	7th	.335	.825	58	80	9	0	1	37	42	9	2.6	2.5	.441 OBP
1B	Solomon Springs	BH	1st	.342	.853	61	82	12	6	1	60	22	7	3.3	2.3	
2B	Dewey Gaulden	OCE	1st	.338	.809	46	72	11	5	1	54	6	1	3.2	2.5	+12.0 ZR
2B	Lennon Haley	LBR	5th	.297	.719	70	78	15	6	0	41	8	15	2.8	2.4	+16.4 ZR
2B	Frank Thomas	PIO	7th	.360	.840	61	93	17	2	0	51	13	16	3.5	3.4	+14.7 ZR
3B	Frank Carter	SUS	2nd	.333	.831	57	77	12	8	0	64	10	2	1.9	1.7	
3B	Gilbert Ingels	PBCC	GH	.330	.798	48	72	12	1	2	63	17	3	2.9	1.8	
3B	Oliver Johnson	BH	GH	.357	.892	75	87	15	8	0	57	18	47	3.4	2.9	.408 OBP
SS	Stephen Barley	SUS	3rd	.313	.801	69	76	14	10	0	55	14	13	3.4	3.1	+20.9 ZR
SS	James Gentile	NAT	1st	.286	.743	58	70	16	8	0	30	13	4	1.2	2.3	+14.9 ZR
SS	Earl Seals	TU	8th	.323	.782	55	81	22	2	1	37	7	19	2.5	2.9	+14.5 ZR
OF	Walter Braden	SUS	2nd	.406	.966	68	101	19	4	2	52	8	16	2.7	2.5	.538 SLG
OF	Alex Engels	REA	1st	.326	.868	57	77	20	7	2	63	10	4	2.9	1.8	
OF	Albert Noyes	PORT	2nd	.340	.815	50	86	21	3	1	53	6	11	2.3	1.7	
CF	Chris Becker	GRA	1st	.358	.877	58	93	11	12	0	48	7	27	3.5	2.4	
CF	James Hunsberger	TU	2nd	.306	.750	57	81	13	9	0	49	8	9	2.7	2.9	
CF	William White	LBR	3rd	.336	.829	67	84	14	8	0	54	12	24	3.5	2.6	
OF	Fred Harbour	MLD	1st	.318	.750	58	81	15	5	0	70	8	28	4.3	1.3	
OF	Walter Little	NAT	2nd	.338	.904	67	81	14	14	1	54	16	9	4.5	2.5	.525 SLG
OF	Roy Simmons	BRI	GH	.319	.808	47	75	20	4	1	47	15	14	2.7	2.0	

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: 3242 - MONDAY, JULY 28TH, 1879 - GAME LOG

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New York League All-Stars	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	6	9	11	9
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The N.E.L. made it five consecutive All-Star Game triumphs.

The game wasn't as close as the final score indicates. After a scoreless opening inning, the N.E.L. drew first blood in B2 on a Double by 1B Jesse Craig. The N.Y.L. then went ahead 3-1 in T3 thanks to three run-scoring hits: a Triple by LF Louis Murray, a Double by 3B Lee Thompson, and another Double by CF Robert Wolf. However, the N.E.L. took the lead back (4-3) in B3 on a pair of run-scoring Singles and a one-run Triple by Craig. In B4, it was 6-3 to the hosts after a Single by sub Gilbert Ingels and a Sacrifice Fly. Another run was added in B5 on a Single by SS Stephen Barley to give the N.E.L. a 7-3 lead, and four Runs in B8 on a pair of two-run Singles by subs Dewey Gaulden & Albert Noyes made it an 11-3 game.

The N.Y.L. made a valiant effort at a comeback in T9. They scored six runs, with the big moment a three-run Triple by SUB Adelfried Hauser. However, an eight-run deficit was simply too much to overcome, and the Northeastern League exited the All-Star Game as the winners yet again.

Thanks to a pair of big run-scoring base hits during the early innings, the Most Valuable Player award went to Sons of the Ocean 1B and N.E.L. starter Jesse Craig:

- NEL 1B Jesse Craig: 2/2 (2B, 3B), 1 R, 2 RBI, 5 TB

Nobody from the N.Y.L. had multiple hits on the afternoon, so it was Hauser who ended up as their most impactful player due to his three-run Triple during B9 in what was his only time at bat.

The pitchers of record were Francis Molinari with the Win, John Watson with the Loss, and William Burrow with the Save. This was the second straight year Molinari earned All-Star Game Win.

Attendance at Cecil Calvert Park was 13,735, and although the stars were bright the weather wasn't. It was 73 degrees and overcast, and rain showers caused a fifteen-minute delay during the eighth inning. The home fans will have left happy, but New York League aficionados will be left wondering when the N.Y.L. will come out on top again.