

# THE 1880 COASTAL BASEBALL CONFERENCE PREVIEW

**ATLANTIC COAST (May 12, 1880)** – The third season of the Coastal Baseball Conference is ready to begin.

After the inaugural season, Bridgeport signed a number of former N.B.B.O. All-Stars and the efforts to improve the team bore fruit immediately. They went from fifth place at 34-36 (13 GB) to league champions at 43-27 after topping the standings for much of the season. Sportsman's were hot on their tails but could never catch up.

This season Bridgeport is expected to dominate, as they've added another former All-Star to their roster and 23-year-old Jacob Overfield is expected to become the best 3B in the C.B.C. The rest of the field is expected to take part in a close race that should ultimately prove futile when it comes to championship aspirations.

## C.B.C. PROJECTED FINISH & ANALYSIS

**FAVORITES:** Bridgeport B.C. at 53-17 (+170 RD)

- Sportsman's 17 GB, Olympic 18 GB, Lynn 19 GB
- Capitol City 20 GB, Essex Co. 22 GB, Highlander 23 GB, Camden & Amboy 24 GB

It's simple: the Writers Pool expects Bridgeport to crush the competition this year. After adding Tom Hauser from the N.B.B.O., they now rank 1st out of eight at four positions – 1B (Euan Graham), 3B (Jacob Overfield), SS (Louis Beane), & P (Tom Hauser & Edward Koch) – while Walter Kirby ranks 2nd at LF.

Behind them, the other seven teams are expected to finish in a tight grouping, with records ranging from 36-34 to 29-41. Although Sportsman's isn't expected to challenge for the title, they do have the man who is by far the most talented player in the league: 2B Johnny Holcombe.

## AWARD FAVORITES

**Batsman of the Year: Johnny Holcombe (2B, age 24, Sportsman's)**

**Pitcher of the Year: Tom Hauser (age 38, Bridgeport)**

**Fielder of the Year: Louis Beane (SS, age 32, Bridgeport)**

**Greenhorn of the Year: John Baker (P, age 24, Cap. City)**

### **TEAM OF THE YEAR FAVORITES**

**P: Tom Hauser (BRI, age 38, 4.0/4.0\*), C: Jesse Renwick (OLY, age 23, 2.5/3.5\*), 1B: Euan Graham (BRI, age 33, 4.0/4.0\*), 2B: Johnny Holcombe (SPO, age 24, 5.0/5.0\*), 3B: Jacob Overfield (BRI, age 23, 3.0/4.5\*), SS: Louis Beane (BRI, age 32, 3.0/3.0\*), OF: Sidney Adams (HIGH, age 31, 3.5/3.5\*), OF: John Burton (CC, age 28, 3.0/3.0\*), OF: William Fair (LYNN, age 32, 2.5/2.5\*)**

### **TOP GREENHORNS & PROSPECTS (by position)**

**P1: Nep Sweatt (age 20, OLY, 2.0/4.5\*), P2: John Baker (CC, age 24, 4.0/4.0\*), C: Jesse Renwick (OLY, age 23, 2.5/3.5\*), 1B: George Collier (HIGH, age 22, 3.0/4.5\*), 2B: Otis Griffin (HIGH, age 20, 1.5/2.5\*), 3B: Roosevelt Anderson (OLY, age 25, 2.5/2.5\*), SS: Edward Cote (CC, age 21, 2.0/2.5\*), OF: Horace Beauchamp (SPO, age 22, 2.0/3.5\*), OF: John Burton (CC, age 28, 3.0/3.0\*), OF: Fiorenzo Napoleoni (LYNN, age 22, 2.0/2.5\*)**