

Early “Base Ball”-Related Games Played in Central New York

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Acronyms:

BDC = *Buffalo Daily Courier*

BME = *Buffalo Morning Express*

NYC = *New York Clipper*

NYSM = [New York] *Sunday Mercury*

NYT = *New York Times*

PSOT = *Porter’s Spirit of the Times*

RU&A = *Rochester Union and Advertiser*

WSOT = *Wilkes’ Spirit of the Times*

Date of Game	City/Town Playing Field	Outcome	Sources
1858			
21 Oct (Thu)	Syracuse, N.Y.	Married 31 Single 30 (Syracuse BBC intra-club game) (<i>PSOT</i> : “The game, which was called for at two o’clock, did not commence until a quarter to three, on account of the lateness of some of the members, ...”)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Syracuse Base-Ball Club,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 5, no. 9 (30 Oct 1858), p. 135, col. 1 (2) “Base Ball in Syracuse, N.Y.,” <i>NYC</i> , vol. 6, no. 29 (6 Nov 1858), p. 229, col. [xx]

1859			
2 Jul (Sat)	Orange, N.Y.	Live Oak 24? Old Hickory 6	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Live Oak vs. Old Hickory," <i>NYSM</i> , vol. [xx], no. [xx] (10 Jul 1859), p. 7, col. 5
16 Jul (Sat)	Utica, N.Y.	Babcock's side 32 Curran's side 23 (Utica BBC intra-club game)	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Utica Club," <i>NYSM</i> , vol. [xx], no. [xx] (24 Jul 1859), p. 5, col. 6
1 Aug or before	Syracuse, N.Y.	Syracuse Base Ball Club 70 Syracuse Cricket Club 19 (<i>PSOT</i> (1): "I send you a report of a novel match played here between the Syracuse Base ball Club and the Syracuse Cricket Club, the cricket club being the challengers, to play first a game of ball, the return match a came of cricket") (<i>NYSM</i> : "... in cricket, the cricket club scored 150 to 78 by the ball club.") (<i>PSOT</i> (3): "Last week we published a report of a contest between the leading Base Ball and Cricket Clubs of Syracuse, N.Y., in which both parties came off successful in their respective	(1) A. B. C., "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball vs. Cricket," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 6, no. 23 (6 Aug 1859), p. 357, col. 2 (letter dated 1 Aug) (2) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in Out-of-Town Places," <i>NYSM</i> , vol. [xx], no. [xx] (7 Aug 1859), p. 8, col. 3 (3) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball vs. Cricket," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 6, no. 24 (13 Aug 1859), p. 372, col. 3

		games. It was a very exciting match, and created considerable interest in the ball-playing community. We should very much like to see a similar contest in this vicinity, as it would tend materially to remove the prejudice that seems to exist on both sides in regard to the merits of the two games. Every Base Ball player would improve his play by a knowledge of cricket and vice versa. Fraternize, gentlemen, and let us see which field the best—the Ball player on the Cricket field, or the cricketer on the Ball ground.”)	
1860			
2 Jun (Sat)	Utica, N.Y.	Utica 39 Whitesboro 8	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Utica vs. Whitesboro,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 16 (16 Jun 1860), p. 245, col. 1 (2) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Utica vs. Whitesboro,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 2, no. 15 (16 Jun 1860), p. 228, col. 2
16 Jun (Sat)	Utica, N.Y.	Utica 34 Whitesboro 23	(1) “Out Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball at Utica—Whitesboro vs.

		(<i>PSOT</i> : “These two clubs played their third game this season on Saturday, The Whitesboros are only recently organized, and are improving very rapidly.”)	Utica,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 18 (26 Jun 1860), p. 277, col. 1 (2) C. S. W., “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base ball at Utica,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 2, no. 17 (30 Jun 1860), p. 260, col. 2 [letter dated Whitesboro, 21 Jun]
18 Jun (Mon)	Whitesboro, N.Y.	Whitesboro 34 Utica 20	(1) C. S. W., “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball at Utica,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 2, no. 17 (30 Jun 1860), p. 260, col. 2 [letter dated Whitesboro, 21 Jun]
2 Jul (Mon)	Syracuse, N.Y.	Olympic (Syracuse) 23 Mechanics (Syracuse) 20 (<i>WSOT</i> : “the Olympics being the visitors.”)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Olympic vs. Mechanics,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 2, no. 21 (28 Jul 1860), p. 331, col. 3
4 Jul (Wed)	Canastota, N.Y.	Canastota 10 Utica 10 (TIE – 9 innings)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Utica vs. Canastota,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 22 (24 Jul 1860), p. 341, col. 1 (2) W., “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Utica vs. Canastota,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 2, no. 21 (28 Jul 1860), p. 332, col. 1 [letter dated 5 Jun] [game date: 4 Jun]
24 Jul (Sat)	?	Married Single	(1) Utica BBC scorebook (cited by Scott Fiesthumel in 4 Sep 2009)

		(Utica BBC intra-club game)	posting to 19cBB listserv)
28 Jul (Sat)	Chittenango, N.Y.	Cazenovia 32 Syracuse 20 (<i>NYC</i> : “These ball clubs of Central New York, played a match ... which afforded amusement to some 1500 spectators as well as the players, and which shows that they have no mere limited knowledge of the game in that section.”)	(1) “Cazenovia vs. Syracuse,” <i>NYC</i> , vol. 8, no. 18 (18 Aug 1860), p. 141, col. [xx]
23 Aug (Thu)	Cazenovia, N.Y.	Syracuse 29 Cazenovia 25 (base ball)	(1) “Syracuse vs. Cazenovia,” <i>NYC</i> , vol. 8, no. 21 (8 Sep 1860), p. 165, col. [xx]
23 Aug (Thu)	Whitesboro, N.Y. Whitesboro grounds	Pastime (Utica) 21 Whitesboro (Whitesboro) 16 (<i>PSOT</i> : “When are we to hear again from the Utica Base ball Club? They are too good a club to remain long inactive. Uticas. keep the base ball rolling!”)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Pastime of Utica vs. Whitesboro Club,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 9, no. 2 (4 Sep 1860), p. 437, col. 1 (2) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Pastime vs. Whitesboro’,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 3, no. 1 (8 Sep 1860), p. 5, col. 1
29 Aug (Wed)	Utica, N.Y.	Whitesboro 20 Pastime (Utica) 12 (return game)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Pastime of Utica vs. Whitesboro Club,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 3, no. 2 (15 Sep 1860), p. 26, col. 2

9 Sep (Sun?)	Syracuse, N.Y.	Olympic (Syracuse) 42 Chittenango (Chittenango) 14 (<i>WSOT</i> : "... victory again rested with the Olympics.")	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball in Syracuse—Olympic vs. Chittenango," <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 3, no. 4 (29 Sep 1860), p. 53, col. 2
13 Sep (Thu)	?	Canastota Utica	(1) Utica BBC scorebook (cited by Scott Fiesthumel in 4 Sep 2009 posting to 19cBB listserv)
15 Sep (Sat)	Canastota grounds	Oneida Castle 34 Canastota 12	(1) G.G., "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Canastota vs. Oneida Castle," <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 3, no. 4 (29 Sep 1860), p. 53, col. 1 [letter dated 15 Sep]
22 Sep (Sat)	Whitesboro, N.Y.	Whitesboro 35 Rome 14	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Rome vs. Whitesboro," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 9, no. 7 (9 Oct 1860), p. 101, col. 1 (2) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Rome vs. Whitesboro," <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 3, no. 6 (13 Oct 1860), p. 86, col. 3
24 Sep (Mon)	Whitesboro BBC grounds	New Hartford 32 Whitesboro 31	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball in Western New York," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 9, no. 7 (9 Oct 1860), p. 101, col. 1 (2) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball in Western New York—Whitesboro vs. New Hartford," <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 3, no. 6 (13 Oct 1860), p. 86, col. 2

10 Oct (Wed)	Utica, N.Y.	Syracuse (Syracuse) 24 Utica (Utica) 24 (<i>PSOT</i> : “This game has caused considerable excitement, it being for, it might be said, the championship of the two towns.”)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball at Utica,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 9, no. 8 (16 Oct 1860), p. 117, cols. 2-3
30 Oct (Tue)	Utica, N.Y.	Victory (Troy) 18 Utica 14 (<i>TDW</i> : “The Victory Club have added another laurel to the many now worn by them, The game was handsomely contested and the result reflected honor upon both sides. The Troy boys speak in very high terms of the treatment they received at Utica, and the ‘boys’ of that town are evidently gentlemen.”)	(1) “Local Matters: Base Ball,” <i>TDW</i> , vol. 26, no. 8016 [sic: 8116] (1 Nov 1860), p. 3, col. 2
1861			
9 Jul (Tue)	Utica, N.Y. Central City grounds	Central City (Utica) 70 Star (Utica) 13 (<i>NYC</i> : “A base ball match for the championship of the region round about Utica, N.Y., was played ...”)	(1) “Central City vs. Star,” <i>NYC</i> , vol. [xx], no. xx ([xx] Jul 1861), p. [xx], col. [xx] (2) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Central City vs. Star,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 4, no. 20 (20 Jul 1861), p. 307, col. 2

1 Aug (Thu)	Utica, N.Y.	Whitesboro 50 Central City 17	(1) "Base Ball at Utica, N.Y.," <i>NYC</i> , vol. [xx], no. xx ([xx] Aug 1861), p. [xx], col. [xx]
9 Aug (Fri)	Utica, N.Y.	Niagara 28 Central City 21	(1) "Base Ball at Utica, N.Y.," <i>NYC</i> , vol. [xx], no. xx ([xx] Aug 1861), p. [xx], col. [xx]
14 Aug (Wed)	Utica, N.Y.	Utica 33 Whitesboro 25 (6 innings)	(1) "Base Ball at Utica, N.Y.," <i>NYC</i> , vol. [xx], no. xx ([xx] Sep 1861), p. [xx], col. [xx]
19 Aug (Mon)	Utica, N.Y.	Niagara 18 Central City 18 (TIE – drawn game)	(1) "Base Ball at Utica," <i>NYC</i> , vol. [xx], no. xx ([xx] Aug 1861), p. [xx], col. [xx]
1862			
28 Jun (Sat)	Utica, N.Y.	Utica [City] 30 Hamilton College 24 (<i>NYC</i> : "A match ... was witnessed by a large number of people, many of them ladies. Although the day was unusually warm, most of the spectators remained on the ground until the termination of the game, which was closely contested for nearly four hours.")	(1) "Base Ball at Utica," <i>NYC</i> , vol. [xx], no. xx ([xx] Jul 1862), p. [xx], col. [xx]

8 Aug (Thu)	Utica, N.Y.	Utica 21 Washington 15	(1) "Base Ball at Utica," <i>NYC</i> , vol. [xx], no. xx ([xx] Aug 1862), p. [xx], col. [xx]
27 Aug (Wed)	Utica, N.Y.	Utica 42 Knickerbocker (Albany) 36 (NYC: "A very large assemblage of ladies and gentlemen gathered around the base ball grounds ... to witness the match fly-game The fly-game is a specialty with the Knickerbockers, and they are also considered one of the best clubs in the state. ... Mosher, of that city [Utica], won a fine red regulation cap, which was offered by the Knickerbockers to the best Utica player. The umpire was J. B. Leggett, of the Excelsior club, Brooklyn. ... After the game, the United clubs had a good supper at Bagg's Hotel.")	(1) "Base Ball at Utica," <i>NYC</i> , vol. [xx], no. xx ([xx] Aug 1862), p. [xx], col. [xx]
25 Sep (Thu)	Near the northern boundary of Troy, N.Y. Wier's course	Utica (Utica) 68 Victory (Troy) 27 (NYC: The Victory club, "who had on a former occasion handsomely beaten the Uticas on their own sod, were in poor trim, several of their principal players being absent in the country's service, while the balance	(1) "Base Ball at Utica, N.Y.," <i>NYC</i> , vol. [xx], no. xx ([xx] Oct 1862), p. [xx], col. [xx]

		<p>had most woefully neglected their practice during the season. However, a nine was hastily improvised for the occasion, and they proceeded to their task with many misgivings as to their own success. The Uticas were a fine, gentlemanly set of young men, very expert in the game, and, withal, exactly such a body of gentlemen as any club would prefer to be beaten by, provided they were obliged to succumb. It was not a matter of difficulty to prophesy what the result would be. The Uticas came out triumphant, having badly, although not dishonorably, beaten the Victories. In the evening, after the game, the Troy club most hospitably entertained their antagonists, who speak in the highest terms of their good treatment. On Friday morning (26th) they left for Albany to play a match with the Knickerbocker club, of Sturgeondom.”)</p>	
26 Sep (Fri)	Albany, N.Y. Knickerbocker grounds	Knickerbocker (Albany) 33 Utica (Utica) 18 (return game)	(1) “Knickerbocker, of Albany, vs. Utica, of Utica,” <i>NYC</i> , vol. [xx], no. xx ([xx] Oct 1862), p. [xx], col. [xx]

