

Base Ball Games Played in the Lower Hudson Region of New York, 1858-1862

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Acronyms:

BDE = *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*

NYC = *New York Clipper*

NYT = *New York Times*

PSOT = *Porter's Spirit of the Times*

WSOT = *Wilkes' Spirit of the Times*

Date of Game	City/Town Playing Field	Outcome	Sources
1858			
22 Nov (Mon)	On the banks of the Hudson	New Windsor 40 Newburgh 31	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: New Windsor vs. Newburg," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 5, no. 15 (11 Dec 1858), p. 229, col. 2
1859			
4 Oct (Tue)	Newburgh, N.Y.	Union Jr. 2 (Newburgh) 38 Liberty 1 (Newburgh?) 37	(1) "Base Ball in Newburgh," <i>NYC</i> , [?] Oct 1859
29 Oct	New Windsor, N.Y.	Active Jr. (NY) 31	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball:

(Sat)	Highland Club grounds	Union Jr. (Newburgh) 11	Union vs. Active,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 1, no. 10 (12 Nov 1859), p. 148, col. 2
29 Oct (Sat)	New Windsor, N.Y. Highland Club grounds	Active Jr. (NY) 11 Picked ten from Highland & Hudson River clubs 10	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Active, of New York, vs. Highland and Hudson River,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 1, no. 10 (12 Nov 1859), p. 148, col. 2
24 Nov (Thu) (Thanks-giving)	Newburgh, N.Y.	Eckford (Brooklyn) 58 Newburgh (Newburgh) 19 (<i>WSOT</i> (3): “The famous Greenpoint Club went up the river on Thanksgiving day and had a friendly bout with the Newburg Bas Ball Club. As will be seen by the subjoined score they brought home another ball to add to their large collection. After the game the Newburg boys extended to the Eckfords a princely and generous hospitality, thus proving to their guests that, although they might meet with defeat in the field, at the festive board they proudly occupied a No. 1 position.”) (<i>WSOT</i> (4): “The first game between these clubs was played at Newburg last Thanksgiving, terminating in favor of the Eckfords, on which occasion the Eckfords were entertained with	(1) “Base Ball: Eckford of Greenport [sic], vs. Newburg, of Newburg,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 7, no. 14 (3 Dec 1859), p. 213, col. 1 (2) “Eckford vs. Newburgh,” <i>NYC</i> , vol. 7, no. 34 (10 Dec 1859), p. 267, col. [xx] (3) “Eckford vs. Newburg,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 1, no. 14 (10 Dec 1859), p. 214, col. 1 (4) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Newburgh vs. Eckford,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 3, no. 1 (8 Sep 1860), p. 4, col. 3 (5) Peverelly, p. 73 (6) Wright, p. 32

		princely hospitality by their friends of the Newburg Club.”)	
1860			
30 May (Wed)	Newburgh, N.Y. Hudson River grounds at the corner of Johnson and South streets	Hudson River 27 Newburgh 27 (TIE)	(1) “Out Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball in Newburgh, N.Y.” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 16 (16 Jun 1860), p. 245, col. 1 (2) “Out Door Sports: Base Ball: Hudson River vs. Newburg,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 2, no. 15 (16 Jun 1860), p. 228, col. 3
6 Jun (Wed)	Newburgh, N.Y.	Hudson River 29 Newburgh 22	(1) “Out Door Sports: Base Ball: Hudson River vs. Newburgh,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 16 (16 Jun 1860), p. 245, col. 1
9 Jun (Sat)	Newburgh, N.Y.	Union 1 (xxx) 26 Hudson River 2 (Newburgh) 21	(1) “Out Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball in Newburg,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 2, no. 17 (30 Jun 1860), p. 260, col. 2
21 Jun (Thu)	Highland grounds	Hudson River (Newburgh) 27 Highland (New Windsor) 27 (TIE)	(1) “Out Door Sports: Base Ball: Hudson River vs. Highland,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 2, no. 18 (7 Jul 1860), p. 283, col. 1
29 Jun	?	Highland (New Windsor) 36	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball:

(Fri)		Hudson River (Newburgh) 34 (return game) (<i>PSOT</i> : “The game was very much interrupted by a shower and gale of wind, which accounts for the large number of runs made.”)	Hudson River of Newburgh vs. Highland of New Windsor,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 20 (10 Jul 1860), p. 309, col. 2
Prior to 3 July	Highland grounds	Hudson River (Newburgh) 15 Highland (New Windsor) 7	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Hudson River vs. Highland Base Ball Club,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 19 (3 Jul 1860), p. 293, col. 2
4 Jul (Wed)	Highland grounds	Hudson River (Newburgh) 22 Independent (South Brooklyn) 14	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Independent of South Brooklyn vs. Hudson River of Newburgh,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 20 (10 Jul 1860), p. 309, cols. 2-3 (2) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Independent of South Brooklyn vs. Hudson River of Newburgh,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 2, no. 19 (14 Jul 1860), p. 299, col. 1
11 Jul (Wed)	Newburgh, N.Y. Highland grounds	Excelsior (Brooklyn) 59 Hudson River (Newburg) 14 (part of Excelsior tour) (<i>PSOT</i> : “The Excelsiors arrived home early on Thursday morning. The games they have played have been a succession of victories; although they have played nearly	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Excursion of a Brooklyn Club,” <i>NYT</i> , vol. 9, no. 2749 (13 Jul 1860), p. 8, col. 4 (2) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Hudson River Club vs. Excelsior of Brooklyn,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 21 (17 Jul 1860), p. 325, col. 2

		<p>all of the Clubs who enjoy any great reputation outside of New York and Brooklyn. The Excelsiors have been most courteously and favorably received wherever they have made a 'halt,' and in their private and "professional" capacity, have reflected great credit upon that portion of the State from whence they hail.")</p> <p>(Peeverly: "The Excelsiors were received by Mr. Miller and associates, and conducted to the Orange Hotel.")</p>	<p>(3) "Base Ball in Newburgh: Excelsior vs. Hudson River," <i>NYC</i>, vol. 8, no. 14 (21 Jul 1860), p. 108, col. [xx]</p> <p>(4) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Excelsior vs. Hudson River," <i>WSOT</i>, vol. 2, no. 20 (21 Jul 1860), p. 315, col. 2</p> <p>(5) Peeverly, p. 58</p> <p>(6) Wright, p. 44</p>
17 Jul (Wed)	?	<p>Highland (New Windsor) 48 Newburgh (Newburgh) 9</p>	<p>(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Newburg vs. Highland," <i>PSOT</i>, vol. 8, no. 22 (24 Jul 1860), p. 341, col. 2</p> <p>(2) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Newburgh vs. Highland," <i>WSOT</i>, vol. 2, no. 22 (4 Aug 1860), p. 347, col. 2</p>
24 Jul (Tue) morning	Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Poughkeepsie BBC grounds at the corner of Main & Cherry streets	<p>Poughkeepsie Sr. (Poughkeepsie) 45 Union Jr. (Newburgh) 14 (<i>PSOT</i>: "At the close of the game, the two nines repaired to the Forbus House, where, after a fine dinner,</p>	<p>(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in Poughkeepsie," <i>PSOT</i>, vol. 8, no. 23 (31 Jul 1860), p. 357, col. 2</p> <p>(2) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Bal in Dutchess County"</p>

		<p>Mr. Fisher, of the Union Club, in a few words, presented the ball played with in the morning, as a trophy of victory, to the Poughkeepsie Club. The President, Mr. Cogswell, received the ball with appropriate remarks.”)</p> <p>(<i>WSOT</i>: “The Poughkeepsie have just given a practical and proper evidence of their gallantry, in erecting a temporary inclosure for the suitable accommodation of their lady friends and acquaintances who desire to witness their pastime. Some five to six hundred spectators, including a liberal portion of ladies, were in attendance as spectators of both the morning and afternoon trials.”)</p>	<p><i>WSOT</i>, vol. 2, no. 22 (4 Aug 1860), p. 347, col. 3</p>
24 Jul (Tue) afternoon	Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Poughkeepsie BBC grounds at the corner of Main & Cherry streets	<p>Union Jr. (Newburgh) 39 Olympic Jr. (Poughkeepsie) 27</p> <p>(<i>PSOT</i>: “In this match both Clubs labored under disadvantages. The Unions had been playing all the morning, and some of their nine were pretty tired. The Olympics lacked three men of their regular first nine, among whom was their catcher, who is a host in himself, and would doubtless have turned</p>	<p>(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in Poughkeepsie,” <i>PSOT</i>, vol. 8, no. 23 (31 Jul 1860), p. 357, col. 2</p> <p>(2) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Olympic of Poughkeepsie vs. Union of Newburg,” <i>WSOT</i>, vol. 2, no. 22 (4 Aug 1860), p. 347, col. 3</p>

		the scales had he played.”)	
3 Aug (Fri)	Poughkeepsie BBC grounds	Poughkeepsie (Poughkeepsie) 27 Newburg 16	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Poughkeepsie vs. Newburg” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 2, no. 24 (18 Aug 1860), p. 378, col. 3
7 Aug (Tue)	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	Enterprise (Brooklyn) 18 Poughkeepsie (Poughkeepsie) 14 (<i>WSOT</i> (2): “The Enterprise Club, of Brooklyn, will probably be in Poughkeepsie on the 7th of August, when the friends and lovers of base ball, in that pretty city, will probably witness some good playing between them and the Poughkeepsie Club.”) (<i>BDE</i> (6): [Long description of trip and game]) (<i>PSOT</i> (7): [Long description of trip and game]) (<i>WSOT</i> : [Long description of trip and game.]	(1) Untitled paragraph at end of “Base Ball: Enterprise vs. Hamilton,” <i>BDE</i> , vol. 19, no. 182 (2 Aug 1860), p. 2, col. 4 (2) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Bal in Dutchess County” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 2, no. 22 (4 Aug 1860), p. 347, col. 3 (3) “Outside Reading Matter: Base Ball,” <i>BDE</i> , vol. 19, no. 184 (4 Aug 1860), p. 3, col. 1 (4) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Matches to Come,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 24 (7 Aug 1860), p. 372, col. 1 (5) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball,” <i>NYT</i> , vol. 9, no. 2771 (8 Aug 1860), p. 8, col. 5 (6) “Base Ball: Enterprise vs. Poughkeepsie,” <i>BDE</i> , vol. 19, no. 188 (9 Aug 1860), p. 2, col. 5 (7) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Enterprise of Brooklyn vs. Poughkeepsie of Poughkeepsie,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 25 (14 Aug

			1860), p. 388, col. 3 (8) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Enterprise of Brooklyn vs. Poughkeepsie of Poughkeepsie," <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 2, no. 25 (25 Aug 1860), p. 389, col. 1
29 Aug (Wed)	Greenpoint Eckford grounds near the Manor House	Eckford (Brooklyn) 36 Newburgh (Newburgh, N.Y.) 22 (return game) (<i>NYT</i> : "Too much praise cannot be given to the fifteen hundred spectators, who on this occasion conducted themselves in a quiet and orderly manner, showing clearly that the warning of the Atlantic match is having its effect. ... After the game was finished the Eckfords and their guests proceeded to a repast. The ball was given up by Mr. Adams, of the Newburgh Club, with a few pertinent remarks, which were responded to on behalf of the Eckfords, and both parties separated mutually pleased with each other, and with the day's play.") (<i>PSOT</i> : "The game was witnessed by a large number of spectators, and everything passed off in a quiet and pleasant manner. ... / At the	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Eckford vs. Newburgh," <i>NYT</i> , vol. 9, no. 2791 (31 Aug 1860), p. 8, col. 4 (2) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Eckford of Williamsburg vs. Newburg of Newburg," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 9, no. 2 (4 Sep 1860), p. 436, col. 2 (3) Peverelly, p. 74 (4) Wright, p. 44

		<p>conclusion of the trial, the two Clubs and their invited guests proceeded to the Odeon to partake of a supper and other hospitalities provided by the Eckfords. We regret to say that the proprietor of the Odeon; although ranking as an experienced and first-rate caterer, did not, upon this occasion, do the thong up in proper style, which fact greatly mortified the Eckford Club and their friends, who, as the latter had been so bountifully and handsomely entertained in Newburg, desired to do all in their power to reciprocate. / The deficiency was so great that the entire party left the Odeon and proceeded to Theall's, where the Clubs passed a pleasant evening, and the Newburg boys were entertained to the best of the Eckfords' abilities, under the circumstances. A pleasant and social time ensued, the two clubs passing some happy hours in each other's society, with a due interchange of speeches, sentiments, and song.”)</p>	
29 Sep	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	Poughkeepsie Jr 2 (Poughkeepsie)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball:

(Sat)		38 Olympic Jr. 1 (xxx) 15 (6 innings)	Base Ball at Poughkeepsie," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 9, no. 7 (9 Oct 1860), p. 101, col. 2
6 Oct (Sat)	?	Ulster (Saugerties) (winner by 5 runs) Eclipse (Kingston) (loser)	(1) Shanks, "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Eclipse vs. Ulster," <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 3, no. 9 (3 Nov 1860), p. 133, col. 2 [letter dated 23 Oct]
20 Oct (Sat)	Kingston, N.Y. Eclipse grounds	Ulster (Saugerties) 16 Eclipse (Kingston) 9 (return game)	(1) Shanks, "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Eclipse vs. Ulster," <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 3, no. 9 (3 Nov 1860), p. 133, col. 2 [letter dated 23 Oct]
Prior to 6 Nov	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	Duchess 52 Olympic 34	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in Poughkeepsie," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 9, no. 10 [<i>sic</i> : 11] (6 Nov 1860), p. 165, col. 2
12 Nov (Mon)	Red Hook, N.Y. Olympic grounds	Alert (Red Hook) 41 Olympic (Poughkeepsie) 33 (<i>PSOT</i> : "The Alerts are a young club, having been organized but three months. We have played but two matches, and been victorious in both, with clubs older and more experienced.")	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball at Red Hook, N.Y.," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 9, no. 13 (20 Nov 1860), p. 197, col. 2 [letter signed by E. S. Curtis, Sec. A.B.B.C., at Red Hook on 13 Nov 1860]
1861			

4 Jul (Thu)	Saugerties, N.Y.	Ulster (Saugerties) 8 Eclipse (Kingston) 8 (TIE – drawn game) (<i>NYC</i> : “This was the conquering game, the Ulster club having won the two previously played, by five and seven runs respectively.”)	(1) “Base Ball in Saugerties, N.Y.,” <i>NYC</i> , vol. [xx], no. xx ([xx] Jul 1861), p. [xx], col. [xx]
20 Jul (Sat)	Newburgh, N.Y.	Ulster (Saugerties) 42 Hudson River (Newburgh) 29 (<i>WSOT</i> : “The Hudson River Club were, previous to this match, considered the champion club along the river, but, as the score of Saturday will show, they have now no right to that title.”)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Hudson River vs. Ulster,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 4, no. 23 (10 Aug 1861), p. 356, cols. 1-2
31 Jul (Wed)	Saugerties, N.Y. Ulster grounds	Ulster (Saugerties) 16 Hudson River (Newburgh) 12 (return game) (<i>WSOT</i> : The game “attracted a large and interested number of spectators, a large portion being ladies. ... the Ulster Club has been organized less than a year, and have, during that time, played five match-games, won four, and one was declared a tie. The Ulster now claims the Championship along the Hudson, and we think their excellent playing has fully entitled	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball at Saugerties—Ulster vs. Hudson River,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 4, no. 24 (17 Aug 1861), p. 372, col. 1

		<p>them to that honor. We should, however, like to see them try their luck with some first-class Brooklyn or New York club. From what we have heard of them, we think they could rub some of our first-class city clubs pretty closely. The Hudson River were handsomely entertained by their Saugerties friends and the best of feeling prevailed.”)</p>	
22 Aug (Thu)	Saugerties, N.Y. Ulster grounds	<p>Ulster (Saugerties) 37 Victory (Troy) 22 (<i>WSOT</i>: “The most exciting and finely played game of the season, ... The Victory Club has been defeated but once before, since their organization, and then by the Excelsiors, of Brooklyn, by a majority of seven runs; consequently, their defeat by the Ulster was unlooked for. ... The Victory Club is well known as one of the first-class clubs of the country; on the other hand, the Ulsters have remained comparatively in the dark; but their splendid victory over their experienced opponents will now place them among the first-class</p>	<p>(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball at Saugerties—Ulster, of Saugerties, vs. Victory, of Troy,” <i>WSOT</i>, vol. 5, no. 3 (21 Sep 1861), p. 36, cols. 2-3</p>

		clubs of the State.”)	
10 Sep (Tue)			
10 Oct (Thu)	Kingston, N.Y. Eclipse grounds	Hudson River (Newburgh) 37 Eclipse (Kingston) 24 (WSOT: “The match had been amicably arranged by several members of the respective clubs for the purpose of promoting social intercourse between neighbors, and passing a pleasant day in the trial of each other’s prowess” [Very lengthy inning-by-inning account of game follows])	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Hudson River vs. Poughkeepsie,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 5, no. 9 (2 Nov 1861), p. 132, col. 3, & p. 133, col. 1
12 Oct (Sat)	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	Hudson River 35 Poughkeepsie 13	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Hudson River vs. Poughkeepsie,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. 5, no. 8 (26 Oct 1861), p. 116, col. 3
27 Nov (Wed)	Poughkeepsie, N.Y.	Poughkeepsie Cricket Club 63 Eastman Commercial College 22 (<i>NYC</i> : “Mr. Eastman, to make the affair of more interest, told his men that if they defeated the cricketers, he would give them an oyster supper. So at it they went, each man determined to do his duty. ...	(1) “Base Ball Match at Poughkeepsie—Nine Cricketers vs. Nine Base Ball Players,” <i>NYC</i> , vol. [xx], no. xx ([xx] Dec 1861), p. [xx], col. [xx]

		The Poughkeepsie Cricket Club is composed of young men, most of whom are under age, sons of respectable citizens resident there, who intend to play both cricket and base ball next season.”)	
1862			
20 Jun (Fri)	Newburgh, N.Y. Hudson River BBC grounds	Hudson River (Newburgh) 39 Eclipse (Kingston) 21 (second match game)	
4 Jul (Fri)	Newburgh, N.Y.	Eckford (Brooklyn) 74 Hudson River (Newburgh) 29	(1) “Eckford vs. Hudson River,” <i>NYC</i> , vol. [xx], no. [xx] ([xx] Jul 1862), p. [xxx], col. [xx]
Thanks- giving Day	Newburgh, N.Y.	Hudson River (Newburgh) 14 Resolute (Brooklyn) 9	(1) “The Resolute ...,” <i>NYC</i> , vol. [xx], no. [xx] ([xx] Jul 1862), p. [xxx], col. [xx]