

Pre-Civil-War Base Ball Games Played in California

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Acronyms:

BDE = Brooklyn Daily Eagle

NYC = New York Clipper

NYT = New York Times

PSOT = Porter's Spirit of the Times

Date of Game	City/Town Playing Field	Outcome	Sources
1859			
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11 Apr (Wed)	Sacramento, Calif.	Sacramento (Sacramento) 15 Union (Sacramento) 10 (<i>PSOT</i> : "Both clubs had tents pitched for the accommodation and entertainment of their many friends; and although the clubs are hearty rivals in the game of base ball, everything passed off in the most courteous and amicable manner.")	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in California," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 13 (26 May 1860), p. 196, col. 3 (2) "Base Ball in California," <i>NYC</i> , [?] May 1860
29 Jun	San Francisco, Calif. Ravenwood	Eagle (San Francisco) 55 Em Quad (San Francisco) 27	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Eagle vs. Em Quad," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 24 (7 Aug 1860), p. 373, col. 1
25 Sep (Tue)	Sacramento, Calif. Centreville Course	Eagle (San Francisco) 36 Sacramento (Sacramento) 32 Eagle (San Francisco) 31 Sacramento (Sacramento) 17 (6 innings, due to darkness)	(1) "Base Ball Tournament in California," <i>NYC</i> , [?] Oct 1860

		<p>(NYC: “The visit of the [Eagles] to Sacramento was an event in the annals of the game in California, that materially advanced its progress. ... The respective captains proved themselves veterans in the game, and fully competent to command. Gelston is from the Eagle Club, of New York, and Robinson, is from the Putnam Club, of Brooklyn.</p>	
24 Oct (Wed)	Stockton, Calif. Agricultural Fair	<p>Sacramento 48 Stockton 11</p> <p>Sacramento 73 Live Oak 7</p> <p>(NYC: “Our national game has, we are glad to find, its enthusiastic followers as well, in the Golden as the Empire State, and, we doubt not, some as skillful players. It is not surprising, therefore, that a wholesome emulation should exist, and a liberal rivalry manifest itself between the leading clubs, so much so as to create the desire to know which is the champion club. To this end a tournament has taken place between the three acknowledged first, namely, the Stockton, Sacramento, and Live Oak.”</p>	(1) “Base Ball Tournament in California,” NYC, [?] Nov 1860