Pre-Civil-War "Base Ball"-Related Games Played in New Orleans

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Acronyms:

DP = *The Daily Picayune* [New Orleans]

NOB = *The New Orleans Bee*

NYC = New York Clipper

NYSM = [New York] *Sunday Mercury*

PSOT = *Porter's Spirit of the Times*

Date of Game	City/Town Playing Field	Outcome	Sources
1859			
29 Jul (Fri) & 2 Aug (Tue)	New Orleans. La. Delachaise grounds near Louisiana Ave.	Pascay's side 82 Jones's side 24 (4-inning, due to darkness) (Louisiana BBC intra-club game) (DP: "There was a large and interesting gathering nine were chosen on each side. / The rules require that a match shall consist of nine innings on each side [Pascay's side led 55-14 at end of fourth inning.] The match is to be	(1) "Base Ball," <i>DP</i> , 30 Jul 1859 (2) "Base Ball—L.B.B.C.: Jones's Side Victorious," <i>DP</i> , 20 Aug 1859

		concluded on Tuesday afternoon.")	
12 Aug (Fri)	Jefferson City Delachaise Plantation	Jones's side 41 Pascay's side 31 (Louisiana BBC intra-club return game)	(1) "City Intelligence: Racket, Cricket and Base Ball," <i>NOB</i> , vol. 32, no. 11,427 [new seriesvol. 17] (8 Aug 1859), p. 1, col. 4 (2) "Base Ball—L.B.B.C.: Jones's Side Victorious," <i>DP</i> , 20 Aug 1859
19 Aug (Fri)	?	Jones's side 36 Pascay's side 30 (7 innings, by mutual decision) (Louisiana BBC intra-club conquering game) (DP: "There was the usual large attendance of lookers-on, of both sexes, the ladies' tent being particularly well filled, and the characteristic hospitality of the club was most munificently displayed.// We may look upon this match [of three games] as virtually the inauguration of this noble and manly game among us; and we hope it will be kept up with the same spirit in which it has been commenced and so far maintained.") (NYSM: "Base all clubs are flourishing in New Orleans, and a number of matches have been	(1) "Base Ball—L.B.B.C.: Jones's Side Victorious," <i>DP</i> , 20 Aug 1859 (2) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball in Louisiana," <i>NYSM</i> , vol. [xx], no. [xx] (4 Sep 1859), p. 5, col. 6

		played during the present season the Louisiana Club is very highly spoken of, and appears to have attracted an immense attendance of spectators.")	
1 Sep (Thu)	New Orleans, La.	Single 51 Married 33 (9-inning Empire Club intra-club game)	(1) "Base Ball in New Orleans," NYC, [?] Sep 1859
14 & 22 Sep (Wed & Fri) (PSOT) or 15 & 22 Sep (NYC)	New Orleans, La. Delachaise grounds in the upper part of the city"	Empire (New Orleans) 77 Louisiana (New Orleans) 64 (DP (1) & PSOT (2): "On Wednesday, 14th inst., the beautiful and airy grounds which have been devoted during the present season to the healthy sports of the field— the Delachaise property, near Louisiana Avenue—presented a most animated and enlivening appearance. The occasion was the commencement of a match of base ball between the Louisiana B. B. C., and the Empires, on a challenge of the latter. The arrangements for the accommodation of visitors were most ample in every respect. There were commodious tents for the ladies spread under the umbrageous branches of the fine old live oaks,	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball," <i>DP</i> , 15 Sep 1859 (2) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball at New Orleans," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 7, no. 5 (1 Oct 1859), p. 69, cols. 1-2 (3) "Base Ball in New Orleans— Contest between the Louisiana and Empire Base Ball Clubs," <i>NYC</i> , [?] Oct 1859 resumption of game: (3) <i>DP</i> , 23 Sep 1859 [NOT YET SEEN] (4) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball at New Orleans," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 7, no. 5 [sic: 6] (8 Oct 1859), p. 83, cols. 1-2 [reprint of (3)]

and they were served with refreshments by the polite stewards of the Clubs, appointed for the occasion, and who performed their part of the duties of the day in the most creditable manner. / Nor were the male guests of the Clubs unprovided for by the thoughtful masters of ceremonies upon this occasion. Everything was done to make them pleased with their visit to the ground, and to make them wish to come again. Altogether, there was a large and delighted concourse of citizens upon the field. ... Although it was getting towards dusk, it was agreed to play a sixth before suspending the match, and at the end of that innings, the Empire led the Louisianians twelve runs. / Three more innings, on each side, remain to be played, in this so far admirably-contested game, which will be resumed next Monday afternoon, at half past 3 o'clock.") (NYC - "This being the first match that has been played between two clubs in that city, it created an unusual excitement among field sporters." After 6 innings "when

		darkness coming on, it was agreed that the last three remaining innings should be played on the 22d Sept." At the end of the game "The umpire then presented the captain of the Empire Club the ball, which was the agreed upon trophy of victory, with a few remarks, pertinent to the occasion; upon receiving which, Mr. McManus called for three cheers for the Louisiana Base Ball Club. They were given with enthusiasm, and were responded in kind by the members of that club.") (PSOT (5): "There was a large number of spectators on the ground, and the day was most auspicious for the playing.")	
18 Sep (Sun)	New Orleans, La. Magnolia grounds on Claiborne, between Union and Bagatelle streets	Married Single (Magnolia BBC intra-club game—score illegible) (NOB (2): "Thirty members only can belong to the Club, and yesterday the married were 2 to 1, which fact, connected with the inclemency of the weather, prevents the match from being considered as a true test.")	(1) "City Intelligence: Magnolia Base Ball Club," <i>NOB</i> , vol. 32, no. 11,470 [new series—vol. 17] (17 Sep 1859), p. 1, col. 5 (2) "City Intelligence: Magnolia Base Ball Club— <i>First Match</i> " <i>NOB</i> , vol. 32, no. 11,471 [new series—vol. 17] (19 Sep 1859), p. 1, col. 5

2 Oct	New Orleans, La.	Southern [53?]	(1) "City Intelligence: Field
(Sun)	"Back of the old paper-	Magnolia 29	Sports," <i>NOB</i> , vol. 32, no. 11,481
, ,	mill, Third District"	(NOB (1): "The Royal street	[new series—vol. 32] (1 Oct 1859),
	[NOB (1)]	omnibuses will carry all who desire	p. 1, col. 5
	"Claiborne street, at the	to witness the contest to within a	(2) "City Intelligence: Fine Game
	corner of Bagatelle"	short distance of the ground.")	of Base Ball," <i>NOB</i> , vol. 32, no.
		(NOB (2): "The weather was genial,	11,482 [new series—vol. 17] (3 Oct
		and of very accommodating	1859), p. 1, col. 4
		temperature, the ground was a good	
		one, though rather too rough. And	
		the attendance, though not as large	
		as the crowds we have witnessed at	
		the Delachaise ground, was quite	
		liberal. The companies had tents	
		for their guests, and also for toilette	
		and refreshment purposes. The	
		playing was extremely spirited, and	
		of the most pleasing features of the	
		day was the cordial spirit displayed	
		between the members of the	
		contesting clubs. [Lengthy	
		description of post-game festivities	
		follows.] The clubs, wuth their	
		guests, then formed in procession,	
		with the stars and stripes in	
		advance, and marched down to the	
		United States Hotel, on Elysian	
		Fields street, where they took a	
		parting imbibation, and then the	
		Southerns marched up home,	
		wearing their laurels with laudable	

		modesty.")	
6 Oct	New Orleans, La.	Empire 56	(1) "Base Ball in New Orleans,"
(Thu)	Delachase grounds	Louisiana 26	NYC, [?] Oct 1859
16 Oct (Sun)	New Orleans, La.	Woodin's side 44-16 Coburn/Norton's side 22 -24 (two Melpomenia BBC intra-club games)	(1) "Melpomenia Base-Ball Club," NYC, [?] Oct 1859
c. 29 Oct	New Orleans, La.	Kenny's side 53	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball:
(Sun)	Third District	Lockwood's side 32 (Orleans BBC intra-club game)	Orleans Base Ball Club," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 7, no. 11 (12 Nov 1859), p. 164, col. 3
c. 29 Oct (Sun)	New Orleans, La. In the "old Third"	Brown's side 47 Guerin's side 35 (Magnolia BBC intra-club game (7 players on each side)	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Magnolia Base ball Club," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 7, no. 11 (12 Nov 1859), p. 164, col. 3
6 Nov (Sun)	New Orleans, La. Third District	Pablo's side 26 Setigast's side 23	(1) New Orleans Crescent, 7 Nov 1859 [NOT YET SEEN]
(2.1.)		(Washington BBC intra-club game) (<i>PSOT</i> : "The club had their usual lively contest in the Third District on Sunday.")	(2) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Washington Base Ball Club," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 7, no. 13 (26 Nov 1859), p. 196, col. 3 [reprint of (1)]
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6 Nov	New Orleans, La.	Southern [67?]	(1) "City Intelligence: Base Ball,"
(Sun)	Delachaise grounds	Magnolia [42?] (return game)	NOB, vol. 32, no. 11,514 [new series—vol. 17] (8 Nov 1859), p. 1,

		(NOB: The game was played "before a large number of guests and spectators though beaten the second time, the playing of the Magnolias was very fine, and the noble and courteous manner in which they sustained their defeat won the esteem of every one. The day was a fine one and the field presented a lively appearance. The refreshment department was conducted on the usual liberal and excellent scale in which these things are done.")	col. 5
11 Dec (Sun) 18 Dec (Sun)	New Orleans, La. Delachaise grounds	Lone Star 47 Southern 24 (score at end of 7 innings, when game was called due to darkness) (NOB: "the Lone Star having challenged the Southern Club the conclusion was postponed until next Sunday at the same place The great feature of the occasion was the beautiful pitching of the Lone Star's pitcher, who gave underhand twist balls which seemed invincible, and it took the Southerns all afternoon to learn the 'dodge.' "It was the general opinion that the Southerns excelled in	(1) "City Intelligence: Match Game of Base Ball," NOB, vol. 32, no. 11,544 [new series—vol. 17] (8 Nov 1859), p. 1, col. 5

		fielding and running bases.")	
1860			
12 Feb	New Orleans, La.	Variety 41	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball:
(Sun)		Apollo 39	Base Ball in New Orleans," WSOT,
		[NOTE: Eleven players on a side.]	vol. 2, no. 1 (10 Mar 1860), p. 5,
			col. 1
19 Feb	Jefferson City, La.	Empire 56	(1) "City Intelligence: The Great
(Sun)	Delachaise grounds	Southern 37	Base Ball Match," NOB, vol. 32,
		(scheduled)	no. 11,605 [new series—vol. 17]
		(NOB: [Lengthy description]	(20 Feb 1860), p. 1, col. 6
		(PSOT: "The Challenge of the	(2) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball:
		Empire Base Ball Club to the other	The New Orleans Empire Club
		Clubs, to meet them in a match for	Challenge Accepted," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8,
		the championship of New Orleans,	no. 1 (3 Mar 1860), p. 5, col. 2
		has been accepted by the Southern	(3) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball:
		Club A lively contest was anticipated, and if the weather was	The Base Ball Championship Game at New Orleans, La.," WSOT, vol.
		fair, a great crowd was to go up to	2, no. 2 (17 Mar 1860), p. 20, col. 3
		see it.")	[date = 20 Feb]
		(WSOT: "The game for the	[date = 20 Feb]
		championship of base ball in New	
		Orleans, was played")	
		Oriouns, was played)	
13 Mar	New Orleans, La.	Variety (winner by 23 runs)	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball:
(Tue)	On their "field" on	Apollo	Base Ball in New Orleans," <i>PSOT</i> ,
	Customhouse St., two	(<i>PSOT</i> : The Variety win	vol. 8, no. 6 (7 Apr 1860), p. 93,
	squares below Galvez	"establishes there [sic] superiority,	col. 2

	Canal	having before beaten the Apollo in a match.")	
18 Mar (Sun)	New Orleans, La. On a common, back of the Second District, near the Galvez Canal	Variety 50 Apollo 27	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: The Les Quatre Match at New Orleans," WSOT, vol. 2, no. 4 (31 Mar 1860), p. 54, col. 2
Prior to 7 Apr	New Orleans, La. Delachaise grounds	Empire (winner by 33 runs) Orleans (PSOT: The two clubs "played a matche [sic] for the championship of New Orleans The Empire boys keep the belt, which it will be hard to deprive them of.")	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 6 (7 Apr 1860), p. 93, col. 2
15 Apr (Sun)	?	C. Lawrence's Side 34 F. Guerin's Side 26 (Magnolia BBC intra-club game – 11 innings) (NYSM: "This club had a lively match for practice, with twelve men on a side")	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans," WSOT, vol. 2, no. 9 (5 May 1860), p. 143, col. 2 (2) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Magnolia Club, of New Orleans," NYSM, vol. 22, no. 19 (6 May 1860), p. 5, col. 6 [score: 34-20]
16 Apr (Mon)	New Orleans, La. Delachaise grounds	(NOB: "we hear that a game of base ball will be played on another portion of the field by the champion Empire Club."	(1) "City Intelligence: Cricket Match," <i>NOB</i> , vol. 32, no. 11,652 [new series—vol. 17] (16 Apr 1860), p. 1, col. 5

13 May (Sun)	New Orleans, La. Delachaise grounds in Jefferson City	Magnolia 19 Empire 18 (NOB (1): [lengthy description] (WSOT: "The Empire Club, the champion base ball club of New Orleans The Third District Boys succeeded in beating the champion boys of the First by one run"	(1) "City Intelligence: Base Ball Match—The Magnolia Club Wins the Championship," NOB, vol. 32, no. 11,675 [new series—vol. 17] (14 May 1860), p. 1, col. 5 (2) "City Intelligence: Base Ball," NOB, vol. 32, no. 11,676 [new series—vol. 17] (15 May 1860), p. 1, col. 4 (3) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans," PSOT, vol. 8, no. 13 (26 May 1860), p. 196, cols. 2-3 (4) "Base Ball in New Orleans—An Exciting Match," NYC, [?] May
			vol. 8, no. 13 (26 May 1860), p.
			196, cols. 2-3 (4) "Base Ball in New Orleans—An
			1860 (5) "Out Door Sports: Page Pell:
			(5) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball at New Orleans," WSOT,
			vol. 2, no. 13 (2 Jun 1860), p. 202,
			col. 3 [date = 12 May]
21 Jun	New Orleans, La.	Chandler's side 25	(1) "City Intelligence: Base Ball
(Thu)	Delachaise grounds	Dapremont's side 17	Match," <i>NOB</i> , vol. 32, no. 11,707
		(Empire BBC intra-club match) (PSOT: "A numerous assemblage	[new series—vol. 17] (21 Jun 1860), p. 1, col. 4
		of ladies and gentlemen witnessed	(2) "City Intelligence: Base Ball
		the game. The members wore their	Match," NOB, vol. 32, no. 11,708
		handsome new field uniform, and	[new series—vol. 17] (22 Jun
		showed off well as they went through the rapid and athletic	1860), p. 1, col. 5 (3) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball:
		movements of this healthful and	Base Ball in New Orleans: Empire

		truly manly sport.")	Base Ball Club," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 19 (3 Jul 1860), p. 293, col. 2 [date: 20 Jun] (4) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 27 (28 Aug 1860), p. 421, col. 2 [score: 26-16]
23 Jun (Sat)	New Orleans, La.	Pelican 42 Eclipse 24	(1) Clio, "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 19 (3 Jul 1860), p. 293, col. 2 (letter dated 24 Jun)
25 Jun (Sun)	New Orleans, La.	Smith's side 26 Meister's side 23 (Magnolia BBC intra-club game between first and second nines) (NYSM: The match "attracted a vast assemblage of spectators, including many ladies. The uniform of the club consists of blue pants, white shirt, blue-velvet jockey cap, and Indian moccasins, and the members made a very fine appearance on the occasion.")	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Magnolia Club (of New Orleans)," NYSM, vol. [xx], no. [xx] (15 Jul 1860), p. 5, col. 6
1 Jul (Sun)	Algiers, La.	Stinson's side 26 Delamore's side 24 (Magnolia BBC intra-club game)	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball at New Orleans, La.," WSOT, vol. 2, no. 19 (14 Jul 1860), p. 298, col. 3

2 Jul (Mon)	New Orleans, La.	Feeny's side 40 Murphy's side 32 (Pelican BBC intra-club game)	(1) Clio, "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 20 (10 Jul 1860), p. 309, col. 3 (letter dated 10 Jul) (2) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Pelican Club (of New Orleans)," <i>NYSM</i> , vol. [xx], no. [xx] (15 Jul 1860), p. 5, col. 5
13 Jul	New Orleans, La.	Magnalia 24	(1) "New Orleans Clubs," NYSM,
(Fri)	"the old Bingaman race-	Magnolia 24 Empire 24	vol. [xx], no. [xx] (1 Jul 1860), p. 5,
23 Jul	course, in Algiers"	(Game was initiated on 13 July but	col. 6
(Mon)	[NOB (1)]	suspended after 6 innings, due to weather, with Empire leading 17-	(2) Clio, "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans,"
	Bingaman Common	16; resumed on 23 Jul) (NYSM (1): "There are now seven base ball clubs in New Orleans—the 'Louisiana,' 'Empire,' 'Southern,' 'Lone Star,' 'Union,' 'Orleans,' and 'Magnolia.' The Empire has hitherto been the most successful club. A second match between that club and the 'Magnolia' is fixed for the 10th of this month. We shall receive a report of it from a correspondent in the Crescent City.") (PSOT (2): "The great match for the championship between Magnolia and Empire comes off on	PSOT, vol. 8, no. 20 (10 Jul 1860), p. 309, col. 3 (letter dated 10 Jul) [scheduled game date = 4 Jul] (3) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Magnolia Club (of New Orleans)," NYSM, vol. [xx], no. [xx] (15 Jul 1860), p. 5, col. 6 (4) "City Intelligence: The Base Ball ChampionshipExciting Match," NOB, vol. 32, no. 11,727 [new series—vol. 17] (16 Jul 1860), p. 1, col. 4 (5) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans," PSOT, vol. 8, no. 22 (24 Jul 1860), p. 341, col. 2 (letter dated 13 Jul)

the Fourth.")
(NYSM (3): "A match is on the carpet between the Magnolia and Empire Clubs of New Orleans, and both clubs are practicing for the great event, which it is believed will cause quire a sensation in the Crescent City. We hope our correspondent will send us a full and interesting report of this match.")
(NOB (4): [lengthy description])
(PSOT (5): "... match played ... for the Championship.")

After resumption:

(NOB (6): [lengthy description])
(NYC: "an exciting match,
witnessed by over two thousand
persons, ... to decide the question
as to which was entitled to the title
of champion. But eight innings
were played, owing to the refusal of
the empires to accede to the
decision of the referee, who
thereupon, after giving them ample
time to discuss the question,
decided the match in favor of the
Magnolia, and handed them the
ball.")
(NYSM (8): [Lengthy description]

After resumption:

(6) "City Intelligence: The Base Ball Match," *NOB*, vol. 32, no. 11,733 [new series—vol. 17] (23 Jul 1860), p. 1, col. 4 (7) "Base Ball in New Orleans," *NYC*, [?] Aug 1860 [date: 23 Jul] (8) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Empire *vs.* Magnolia (of New Orleans)," *NYSM*, vol. [xx], no. [xx] (5 Aug 1860), p. 5, col. 6 [letter dated 25 Jul]

12 Aug (Sun)	Algiers, La. Bingaman Course,	Magnolia 45 Lone Star 20 (NOB: "Another match at base ball, for the championship of the South the victorious Magnolia Club having been challenged by the Lone Star Club / There was alarge attendance on the ground, and both clubs had their tents pitched, but the majority had to stand it out in the sun, which was rather too powerful for their comfort. But for the want of shade the Bingaman Course would be a good ground. Could not a better field be found in the City Park? (NYSM: The match "drew together a large number of spectators.")	(1) "City Intelligence: The Match for the Championship," <i>NOB</i> , vol. 32, whole no. 11,751 (new series—vol. 17) (13 Aug 1860), p. 1, col. 4 (2) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Lone Star <i>vs.</i> Magnolia (of New Orleans)," <i>NYSM</i> , vol. [xx], no. [xx] (19 Aug 1860), p. 5, col. 5
[30?] Sep (Sun)	New Orleans, La. Empire BBC grounds	Owen's side 26 Murray's side 26 (TIE) (Empire BBC intra-club game) (NYSM: "The Empire Club of New Orleans celebrated their first anniversary by a day of play on their grounds, which was witnessed by a large concourse of ladies and gentlemen The Empire Club are in a very flourishing condition,	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans," NYSM, vol. [xx], no. [xx] (16 Sep 1860), p. 5, col. 6

		and hold their own against all competitors.")	
14 Oct (Sun)	New Orleans, La. Delachaise grounds	Liberty (New Orleans) 37 Tiger (New Orleans) 20 (8 innings – 8 innings) (PSOT: "These newly organized Base Ball Clubs of the City of New Orleans played their first match game (NYC: "These newly started clubs played their first match game The match was witnessed by a large number of spectators, among whom was a large number of the fair sex.")	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans, La.— Liberty vs. Tiger," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 9, no. 9 [sic: 10] (30 Oct 1860), p. 149, col. 2 (2) "Baseball in New Orleans— Liberty vs. Tiger," <i>NYC</i> , [?] Oct 1860
14 Oct (Sun)	New Orleans, La. Orleans BBC grounds on Goodchildren St., between Montegut and Clonet	(NOB: "The Orleans Base Ball Clubs intend celebrating their anniversary by playing a grand match game between two selected nines.")	(1) "City Intelligence: Base Ball," <i>NOB</i> , vol. 33, no. 11,803 [new series—vol. 17] (13 Oct 1860), p. 1, col. 6
31 Oct (Wed)	New Orleans, La. Delachaise grounds	Liberty 39 Tiger 27 (return match – 6 innings, due to darkness} (NYC: "A large number of spectators were present to witness the match.")	(1) "Base Ball in New Orleans— Tiger vs. Liberty," NYC, [?] Oct 1860

18 Nov (Sun)	New Orleans, La.	Home (New Orleans) 15 Liberty (New Orleans) 4	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Liberty vs. Home (of New Orleans)," NYSM, vol. [xx], no. [xx] (2 Dec 1860), p. 8, col. 1 (2) "Out-Door Sports: Base Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans, La.— Liberty vs. Home," WSOT, vol. 3, no. 15 (15 Dec 1860), p. 244, col. 3