

19th CENTURY COMMITTEE NEWSLETTER

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A FOUNDING MEMBER: S A B R

**NEW CHAIRMAN** - This newsletter is being sent to you by Bob Tiemann, since John Thorn and Mark Rucker resigned the chairmanship at the National Convention and I volunteered to take over. My main interests in the 19th century are major league pennant races and ballparks. Being the author of histories of the Cardinals and Dodgers going back to the 1880's, I have specific interest in St. Louis and Brooklyn baseball. As a researcher I have compiled a complete day-by-day list of major league games, including data on pitchers in the 19th century. My address is:

Robert L. Tiemann  
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**19th CENTURY STARS** - Mark Rucker & John Thorn are still in charge of the book of short biographies of 19th century stars. This project, which has been on the boards for quite some time, is nearing its deadline, and there are still a few players as yet unclaimed (or who were once claimed and are as yet unfinished). The most important are:

Harry Larkin	Asa Brainard	Wes Fisler
Henry Lucas	Andy Leonard	Joe Gelston
The Only Nolan	Bud Fowler	Oyster Burns
Toad Ramsey	Everett Mills	Charlie Ferguson
Candy LaChance	Bob Addy	Jouett Meekin
Billy Nash	Esteban Bellan	Cy Seymour
Jack Stivetts	Dave Birdsall	Chief Zimmer

If you are willing to write a two-page biography of any of these men, please let Mark Rucker know soon. His address is 137 Circular St.

Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12866

Mark also extends an apology to all of those who have already submitted biographies before the earlier deadlines and who are waiting to see the fruits of your labor. The book is currently slated to appear sometime during 1988.

**QUESTIONNAIRE** - Enclosed you will find a questionnaire asking you to specify your areas of interest and research and to indicate whether or not you have the time and inclination to help other members in research. This questionnaire will hopefully give me some idea of each of your specialties and will serve to help you get connected with other members working on similar areas. Please take a minute and fill it out and return it to me. Thanks.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION BOX SCORES** - SABR is currently negotiating with member Michael Stagno for the purchase of his collection of National Association box scores. This collection covers better than 95% of all NA games from 1871-1875 and would offer a tremendous wealth of information to members. Lloyd Johnson also sees it as an opportunity to test out various methods of converting box scores into statistics.

The final decision on the purchase will be made by the Executive Board at its next meeting, September 19th. If you feel that SABR should have this collection, please contact the officers and directors as soon as possible to let them know.

If you might be interested in a major research project to extract stats from these box scores, please indicate that on the questionnaire.

RULES CIRCA 1860 - Richard Arpi of Columbus, Ohio, plays 1850's baseball with the Ohio Village Muffins (as featured in Sports Illustrated last April 27th). One rule they use is the "Commit", i.e., if a runner passes a base more than six feet, he is committed to try for the next base, and the defense can put him out merely by holding the ball on that base (like a force out). Rich is skeptical as to the authenticity of this rule, at least after 1848, and is wondering if any fellow 19th century committee member can help him confirm his suspicions or document the rule. If you have the answer, contact Richard Arpi, 3251 Mapleway Court, Columbus, OH 43204.

1880's BASEBALL - The St. Louis SABR Chapter recently staged a demonstration of baseball by 1887 rules before a crowd of nearly 200. The three-inning game was put on in conjunction with a SABR exhibit on baseball history at the Webster Groves Historical Society.

Bob Bluthardt is among a group that regularly plays 1880's baseball on the grounds of the Fort Concho Museum, San Angelo, Texas, where Bob works.

MANAGERIAL RECORDS - Richard Topp of the Biographical Committee is currently working on corrections for the next edition of The Baseball Encyclopedia by MacMillan. In addition to thousands of changes in biographical data, he will submit a greatly revised list of won-lost records for managers. Much of the work has been completed, but questions still remain concerning many 19th-century managers. Anyone interested in assisting in the research in the next month or two, please indicate that on your questionnaire.

ATTENDANCE - Executive Director Lloyd Johnson gets numerous inquiries about attendance prior to 1900. He urges our committee to research that subject. anyone already having data or willing to research 19th century attendance should please indicate that on their questionnaire.



School teachers knew the value of linking books with baseball in the minds of their students even in 1845, when the certificate above was printed.

NICKNAMES - Jim Skipper of Greensboro, N.C., has been researching the origin of players' nicknames. He still needs to find information of many 19th century players, however. If you can help him with information, and documentation, if any, on any of the following players, he would greatly appreciate it.

Jimmy Bannon (Foxy Grandpa)	George Moolic (Prunes)
Jake Beckley (Eagle Eye)	Frederick Nichols (Tricky)
Asa Brainard (Count)	Frank Owen (Yip)
Pearce Childs (What's the Use)	Charles Pabor (The Old Woman in the Red Cap)
Bill Clymer (Derby Day)	Fred Pfeffer (Dandelion)
Bill Duggleby (Frosty Bill)	William Riley (Pigtail Billy)
Jake Evans (Bloody Jake)	Claude Ritchey (Little All Right)
Willam Flynn (Clipper)	Con Murphy (Razzle Dazzle)
Alfred Gedney (Count)	Samuel Sager (Pony)
Joe Gerhardt (Move Up Joe)	Harry Schafer (Silk Stocking)
Frank Heifer (Heck)	George Shaffer (Orator)
James Holdsworth (Long Jim)	Charles Snyder (Pop)
George Keerl (Cap)	Joseph Start (Old Reliable)
Henry Kessler (Lucky)	Seymour Studley (Warhorse)
George Latham (Juice)	Billy Taylor (Bollicky)
Michael McAtee (Bub)	William Veach (Peek-a-Boo)
John McSorley (Trick)	George Zettlein (The Charmer)

Help out if you can by sending the information to:

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 Greensboro, N.C. 27412

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Box Score of the First Game of the  
 1892 National League Split-Season Championship Series

Monday, October 17, at League Park, Cleveland

<u>Cleveland</u>	<u>ab</u>	<u>r</u>	<u>h</u>	<u>po</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>e</u>	<u>Boston</u>	<u>ab</u>	<u>r</u>	<u>h</u>	<u>po</u>	<u>a</u>	<u>e</u>
Childs, 2b	3	0	0	2	4	1	Long, ss	4	0	1	2	6	0
Burkett, 1f	4	0	2	0	0	0	McCarthy, rf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Davis, 3b	4	0	1	1	3	0	Duffy, cf	4	0	1	1	0	0
McKean, ss	3	0	1	2	1	0	Kelly, c	4	0	0	8	2	0
Virtue, 1b	4	0	0	15	0	0	Nash, 3b	4	0	1	1	2	0
McAleer, cf	3	0	0	3	0	0	Lowe, 1f	4	0	0	2	0	0
O'Connor, rf	4	0	0	3	0	0	Tucker, 1b	4	0	0	15	0	0
Zimmer, c	4	0	0	7	3	1	Quinn, 2b	4	0	1	3	5	0
Young, p	4	0	0	0	4	0	Stivetts, p	4	0	0	1	4	0
	33	0	4	33	15	2		36	0	5	33	19	0

Cleveland 000 000 000 00 = 0 Cleveland chose to bat first.  
 Boston 000 000 000 00 = 0 Game called due to darkness.

First base on error- Duffy. Left on base- Cleveland 4, Boston 3. Stolen bases- McAleer, Duffy. Caught Stealing- Duffy, Childs, McCarthy. Picked off base- Long, McAleer. Double plays- Stivetts to Tucker, Long to Quinn to Kelly. Struck out- by Stivetts 7 by Young 6. Bases on balls- off Stivetts 4. Umpires- Emslie & Snyder. Time- 2:00. Attendance- 5877.



1871 Club - Athletic

Baseball's First Pennant-Winners

**ATHLETIC B. B. C., 1871.**

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| 1. E. E. Cuthbert, <i>L. F.</i>  | 6. W. D. Fidler, <i>1st B.</i>    |
| 2. J. P. SENDERFER, <i>C. F.</i> | 7. J. Radcliff, Jr., <i>S. S.</i> |
| 3. G. A. Heubel, <i>R. F.</i>    | 8. F. G. Malone, <i>C.</i>        |
| 4. L. S. Meyerle, <i>3d B.</i>   | 9. A. J. Reach, <i>2d B.</i>      |
| 5. J. D. McBRIDE, <i>P.</i>      | 10. G. W. Bechtel, <i>10th M.</i> |

P.O. Box 728  
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Tuesday, August 25, 1987

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your letter and update of the 19th Century Committee activities.

The Minor League Committee, of which I am Chairman, has also begun a newsletter. Will add you to the mailing list.

A few comments:

In the interest of making as complete and accurate as possible, any stats compiled, may I suggest that the boxscores' pitching material be listed in columns; and that even estimated attendance figures from news accounts of the game be included.

I am particularly interested in attendance figures and wouldn't mind seeing a team game-by-game listing along the format of material found in many of the contemporary major league club media guides. Considering there were many exhibition games played a column noting "official" games and "exhibition" games would go a long way in clarifying this issue. Home or ballpark game was played in would help, too. A possible format might look like this:

DATE	S	ROAD	at HOME	S	TYPE	ATTENDANCE	BOXSCORE/DATA	LOCATIONS
Aug 9	4	St.L	@	Chi	5 D	4,000E	Chi&StL papers with box	

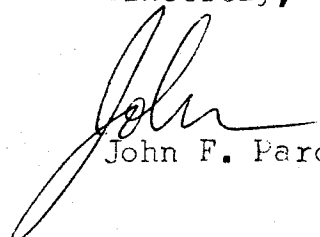
S is for score of game and Type is for doubleheaders (1,2).

Anyway it is a suggestion .

Between SABR Board membering and chairing the Minor League Committee, I am afraid I wouldn't be able to offer you much in the way of actual research. However, do wish to be kept on mailing list and kept up to date. Vern Luse, the SABR expert on pre 1900 minor league material has plenty of material here. I've some, too, and see as a project a list of year-by-year leagues and cities and what material is available.

Thanks again for the newsletter.

Sincerely,

  
John F. Pardon

19th CENTURY COMMITTEE QUESTIONNAIRE

This survey is for informational purposes only. You are under no obligation to choose any special areas of interest, nor to actually participate in any research projects.

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AREAS OF INTEREST (Please check as many items as appropriate) -

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antecedents of Baseball              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prints & Photos                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Early Development         | <input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century Baseball Literature   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball in the 1860's               | <input type="checkbox"/> National Association               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball in the 1870's               | <input type="checkbox"/> National League                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball in the 1880's               | <input type="checkbox"/> American Association               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baseball in the 1890's               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor Leagues 1877-1889 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ballparks of the 19th Century        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minor Leagues 1890-1900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Player: _____               | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Team of League: _____     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other : <u>Attendance</u> |   |

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RESEARCH

☐ I have done research in the following area(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ I am willing to assist in research on 19th Century Baseball

☐ National Association Box Scores

☐ Attendance

☐ Managerial Records

☐ 19th Century Stars Book

☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

I have access to the following newspapers and materials: \_\_\_\_\_  
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