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Bud Fowler's Big Break by Jeff Laing

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In spite of numerous apocryphal claims that would have had him playing competitive adult baseball at the ages of nine and fourteen, Bud Fowler began his twenty-one year professional playing career and twenty-seven year career as a black baseball promoter, owner, and entrepreneur at the age of twenty in Massachusetts.

His rise within the ranks of organized baseball was meteoric and led to his integration of the International Association in 1878, just one year after the minor league system was cre-

ated and two years after the establishment of the National League.

In 1878, Bud Fowler



Bud Fowler

was a member of a Chelsea (MA) amateur team

when he received a rare opportunity to perform in an exhibition game in Boston on April 24, 1878, against the reigning professional champions, the Boston Red Caps. The young hurler was part of a “picked nine” that was composed of five of his teammates from the amateur Chelsea (MA) club, two Boston Beacons, and a former Highlands catcher. The day was cold and raw and Boston Manager Harry Wright’s “boys were rather unwilling,” as evidenced by their attire:

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CHAIRMAN'S CORNER by Peter Mancuso

These past two months and the two months immediately ahead make up the most exciting time of the year for this SABR Research Committee Chairman. It is the time of year when the serious program planning for the **Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Cen-**

tury Base Ball Conference is in full swing. It is the time to gather one's own thoughts and the thoughts of some very bright and enthusiastic people and begin to imagine how to make this conference as good, or better, than the year before. Usu-

ally, that's a tall order. The process is never simple but it is ultimately rewarding. The rewards begin when the **Luncheon Keynote Speaker** you invite says, “yes.” The excitement increases when the **Member Spotlight**

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Star pitcher Tommy Bond wore no uniform, most of the players wore no spikes, and all the team wore their jackets during the game. The game was played as if both teams had a train to catch, lasting only 95 minutes.

Bud Fowler had an unimpressive line in the box score. He went 0-3 at the bat; had 3 assists, 3 errors, 1 wild pitch, and 1 walk; and was booked for 17 called strikes and 15 called balls.

The Picked Nine as a team was equally unimpressive in the field with 10 total errors to Boston's 6. However, Fowler was the winning pitcher in a 2-1 victory in a game in which the young moundsmen hurled a complete game three-hitter and surrendered no earned runs. In fact, Boston scored no runs after the first inning when George Wright got to first base on an error, reached second on a passed ball, and scored on fellow future Hall-of-Famer Jim O'Rourke's single. At the beginning of the game, the Picked Nine appeared to be over-

scored on catcher Pop Snyder's wild throw.

A local reporter pooh-poohed

was competing with the National League for base ball supremacy and attention.

On May 15, 1878, at the West Lynn Grounds, "The Live Oaks were terribly whipped by the Buffalos" with starting pitcher Prince and reliever Phillips being lit up for 10 runs and 14 hits in a shut-out loss in an IA league contest.

Two days later, Bud Fowler took the mound to replace the "lame" Prince who had been shelled in his previous two appearances. The Chelsea base ballist, thus, became the first African-American to play in organized baseball (that encompassed all professional teams, including those below the major league level, which had signed the National Agreement) and the first player to integrate a minor league team.

Bud Fowler was again dominant. He held the London (Ontario) Tecumsehs, the defending IA champions to 2 hits and no runs with 3 strikeouts and only 1 wild pitch over seven innings. For the Live Oaks, Phillips had an RBI hit in the third inning while Lapham and Sullivan had RBI base

knocks in the fourth. New acquisitions Fowler and Woods filled in admirably "to the satisfaction of everyone [among the Lynn supporters]." A rival Boston newspaper related "to retrieve

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1879 Bostons— The season after Fowler's debut. Pictured: Tommy Bond, Pitcher; Jack Burdock, Second Base; Ed Cogswell, First Base; Curry Foley, Pitcher; Bill Hawes, Substitute; Sadie Houck, Right Field; Charley Jones, Left Field; John Morrill, Third Base; John O'Rourke, Centre Field; Pop Snyder,

the result as a meaningless exhibition: "The game, if it could be called one..." Yet, for Bud Fowler the game was his ticket into the International Association (IA), a fledgling league that

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their misfortunes of their past two games, they [Lynn] imported a pitcher and center fielder for the occasion, Fowler and Wood of the Chelseas. Fowler's pitching was so effective, and the general play of the Live Oaks so sharp..." The game ended in the seventh inning and "The result was a surprise to everyone."

Leading 3-0, Lynn was awarded a 9-0 forfeit victory when London refused to continue play after a close call at the plate that went in the home team's favor. As early as the second inning, Tecumseh captain Barnes was complaining loudly about the umpiring. After Burke walked in the second, he was thrown out stealing and Barnes demanded the replacement of Umpire Henry Murphy (who a Boston reporter noted had called fifteen previous games that season without incident).

Though the London captain drew the ire of the home crowd—"Barnes was censured by all"—Murphy was "substituted for" by James Tuft. In the bottom of the seventh inning, Barnes hit a "caught fly" and Hornung "was put out at home" in a close play. At this point, "the Tecumsehs objected to this decision, as they had also done to others, and flatly refused to play." Tuft then declared the Live Oaks forfeit winners.

The Lynn club clearly outplayed the defending IA champs, outhitting their Canadian opponents 9-2 and fielding slightly better than Tecumsehs. Fowler had a strong game with 18 called strikes and 13 called balls and only a sin-

gle wild pitch: "Fowler's effective pitching and the handsome manner in which he was backed up fairly earned the game for the Oaks."

On the following day at the West Lynn Grounds with a crowd of about 500 fans, Bud Fowler again took the mound and was the pitcher of record in a complete game loss to the Worcester team in what was billed as the "first game of the New England Championship." Lynn played an uninspired game: "The game was long [two hours and ten minutes] and uninteresting. The visitors out fielded the Oaks and their hits were brought in at a time when they did the most good." Game statistics seems to bear out the reporter's assessment of the match.

The Live Oaks committed 16 errors to their opponents 7 and the Reds had only 6 hits in scoring 6 runs. Fowler had an unusually high number of called strikes (27) and called balls (16) with 3 wild pitches. However, it was his hits allowed that caught the eye of the Worcester reporter: "The batting of the Worcesters shows that the boys are improving in one respect, as they got more safe hits off Fowler than have been credited to any other nine this season."

Before the Lynn team's next league match, it was reported that at a meeting of the Live Oak Base Ball Association the board "voted to employ Fowler and Woods..." The two former Chelsea players took the field as

official members of the Live Oaks on May 29, 1878, before approximately 400 Lynn spectators. The Syracuse Stars thoroughly outclassed the home nine in a 9-3 victory. Fowler gave up 12 hits and 4 wild pitches in a complete-game that was marked by "loose fielding" on both sides: "The Oaks had a miserable fielding game" (19 errors) while "the Stars were a little off in that particular themselves" (13 miscues). The regular Oaks' hurler continued to be incapacitated (often a 19th century euphemism for drunkenness or poor play) for this game: "Price, the Oaks pitcher is sick in bed and was unable to play, his place being taken by Fowler of the Chelseas, whose pitching was very wild."

On the next day (May 30, 1878), it was officially reported that the Live Oak Base Ball Association "will remove the organization to Worcester and keep their place in the championship." The Worcester team was to be "disbanded" and certain key players such as the battery of Matthews and McGlynn "will be retained." A few members of the active Lynn roster were put on notice that their positions on the new merged franchise may be in jeopardy: Oaks' outfielders Phillips and Hayes "will be cancelled unless they reform in their habits."

A newspaper account on the following day (May 31, 1878) listed a new baseball nine that would "probably be named 'Bay State'" and would be located in Lynn: "Fowler will be the pitcher"

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with Hayes catching. The infield will include veterans King, Lynch and Flint; the outfield will be composed of Foye, Crossup and Welsh, a former member of the Guelph Maple Leafs. Meanwhile, Manager Brackett of the recently disbanded Live Oaks arrived in Worcester on the same day (May 31), bringing with him seven members of his Lynn club and adding Matthews, McGlynn, Muldoon, Farwell, and Pitts of the now defunct IA Worcester franchise. A newspaper account reiterated that “the new team will take all the engagements of the Lynn club.” The following “new” Live Oaks starting lineup and batting order was announced for the following day (June 1, 1878) when the independent Westboros were to play at Worcester:

Sullivan cf
 Giles 2b
 Woods lf
 Say ss
 Spence 3b
 Lapham 1b
 McGlynn c
 Muldoon rf
 Matthews p

Bud Fowler was to make one last appearance in the IA when he replaced Worcester starting pitcher Bobby Matthews who was suspended for drunkenness. On July 11, 1878, he pitched in a 0-6 loss to New Bedford. Fowler held his own on the mound that day: he gave up only two earned runs and five hits, including only one extra

base knock. Moreover, the replacement pitcher kept the ball in the infield for the most part; Worcester's first baseman Householder had 13 putouts on the day.

An interesting prequel to Bud Fowler's last 1878 appearance with Worcester in July was a game in which the African-American's amateur Chelsea club played against the pre-merger Worcester franchise. On May 15, 1878, Bud Fowler took the loss while allowing only three hits in a clear-cut victory for the home team: “Very little regard for the feelings of their visitors was shown by the Worcester (Mass.) Club on May 15, when the Chelseas couldn't secure a run, being completely mastered at all points. Their catcher [Walsh who had seven errors in the game] played miserably.” Since both team rosters contained numerous players—McGlynn, Muldoon, Lynch, Flint, and Wood among others—who played with and against him, it is abundantly clear that Fowler had in essence been “scouted” by local Massachusetts teams and was a known quantity very early in his career. A final ironic note in that May 15th game in Worcester is that the winning pitcher who so dominated Fowler's team—his catcher had an unheard of 14 putouts in the game—was Bobby Matthews, the suspended pitcher whom Fowler replaced for a game in July on the reconstituted Worcester IA entry.

Finally, the New Bedford

franchise that defeated Fowler in his last IA 1878 appearance led a peripatetic existence in the few remaining months in the 1878 season, relocating first in New Haven and then in Hartford. Interestingly, Manager Francis Bancroft reorganized the team in 1879 and established it in Worcester where the team was so successful that it entered the National League in 1880 as the Worcester Ruby Legs.

For the next five years, Bud Fowler was on the road from Ontario to New Orleans playing for a series of independent and semi-professional teams while looking for a second chance to play on an integrated organized baseball team. He received just such an opportunity in 1884 by signing on with the Stillwater (MN) club in the Northwestern League, and he spent much of the following decade doing so until the color line was unequivocally established in the mid-1890s.



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Interview host agrees to return for a second year and when the interview subject you invite agrees to be put under the spotlight. It gets better still when the **Panel Discussion** topic is decided on and the Moderator who agrees to lead the discussion is a person who is an expert on the topic. Then, we have the fun of bringing in the other expert panelists who will agree and disagree, argue and joke, draw in the rest of the conference attendees and leave everyone a lot more knowledgeable and somewhat amazed.

Sometimes, I think I'm stumped. Who is going to step up and be willing do the preparation work required to give that great hour plus **Special Presentation**, that everyone agrees was super? Somehow, one of our Nineteenth Century Committee members takes it on and delivers a show stopper. It never hurts to work with one of the **Hall of Fame's**

best go-to people, **Jim Gates** who can most often be heard saying, "we can do that."

The best segment of these four months, however, begins when the **Research Presentation** proposals begin to arrive and go out for review and selection. There will be six, possibly seven this year, each 20-25 minutes in duration. That's when you really begin to realize how interesting, diverse and fun the conference is going to be.

Add in the book signers and their titles, approve the dinner and luncheon menus and finalize the morning and afternoon coffee breaks and you are mostly home.

To whet your appetite, I am most pleased to announce that the April 20th and 21st Conference will feature Luncheon Keynote Speaker, **Bill Ryczek**; and Member Spotlight Guest, **David Nemec**. The Panel Discussion Topic will be, "The 10 Best

Baseball Rules of the 19th Century" with Panel Moderator, **Eric Miklich** and three panelists to be named.

The six or seven Research Presenters will depend on you, so get off the bench and get into the game and send me your proposal.

Now, who is going to bring down the house this year with that hour long Special Presentation? Someone will surprise me. Someone always does. Look forward to seeing you.

Note: The final pages of this issue of our newsletter contain the Conference Program, Schedule and Registration form. Research Presentation Proposals (100-200 words) should be mailed or emailed to Peter Mancuso, 6970 Ely Rd., New Hope, PA 18938; peterplus4@earthlink.net before February 15, 2012. Please, include your contact information.

Regards, Peter



Reach Gloves

Remembering David Ball

The Nineteenth Century Committee experienced a great loss in October when David Ball died in Cincinnati.

David was an indefatigable researcher as well as an open and available source of counsel and guidance.

If you take a look at the first three pages of the resuscitated Committee Newsletter that appeared in the Fall of 2007 you will see it is virtually all about David's research into player transactions in the nineteenth century.

In a small effort to remember David Peter Mancuso has collected reactions to David's passing on the Committee's listserve.

Thanks David for all you did.

From the Committee Listserve:

David was a prominent researcher; I'd hope that SABR would want to post an item in its general news for the whole membership. A brief synopsis of his work, if one is needed, appears on page 7 in the Spring 2009 issue of *Base Ball*.

Bob Tholkes

Yes, very sad. If I may, I would like to copy whatever you post to the 19cBByahoo group regarding David Ball's passing to the Nineteenth Century Committee (who

are not all on the 19cBB group) thru our section on the SABR website so that all our Committee Members are aware of his passing and his wonderful contributions to 19th-century baseball history.

Peter Mancuso

That is an excellent thought, Peter. I will let you know more when I hear from his sister; she is coming from the Netherlands. His contributions I think will begin to seem only more and more invaluable as the years unfold.

David Nemec

Oh my that is terrible news, I had only had contact with him through this group and then more so with the online baseball league from a few years past, what a gentlemen he seemed to be and a brilliant guy. My heart goes out to his family and friends.

Jamie Marshall

The Cincinnati Enquirer in this morning's issue published a very brief obituary notice that stated that David W. Ball died on Oct. 26, 2011, aged 60 years. He was a Ph.D. employed at the University of Cincinnati Classics Library.

Craig B. Waff

David was a brilliant essayist on baseball, a Classics scholar, an outstanding contributor to this list, and a friend. He had just

completed his first tour of duty as books editor of the journal *Base Ball*.

Ave atque vale.

John Thorn

What sad news. I had exchanged e-mails with David only a couple of weeks ago. My condolences to his family.

Andrew Milner

Does anyone have a copy of the Enquirer obit that could be emailed to me? I would greatly appreciate it. John Thorn summarized the significance of David's loss exactly. I know his appointment as the books editor of *Base Ball* meant a lot to him. David died in his sleep of heart failure. Here is a link for anyone wishing to contribute words to his funeral guestbook.

David Nemec

For those of you in the greater Cincinnati area, details concerning his memorial service at the University of Cincinnati: Many of you have asked about a service for David Ball and I can now report that friends of David Ball are arranging a Memorial Service for him this Thursday, 11/3, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in Blegen 308. Please feel free to pass on this information to others who may not be on this list. Please contact Frank Shaw if you would like to speak at the service. He may be reached at feshaw72@email.com.
Jed Thorn

Hits & Doubles Leaders by Decade

Baseball-Reference.com has a feature that allows you to mix-and-match queries, years, and search all sorts of things.

Below are some decade lists from the nineteenth century. I know decades are an artificial set of parameters and taking, say, 1888 to 1897 will yield difference results. But since I get to put this together, if the third digit in the year designation matches, it is in that decade.

There are for lists for any particular category: 1870-1879 (including the NA); 1876-1879 (NL only); 1880-1889 and 1890-1899 (all major leagues).

Hits

1870-1879 (NA & NL)

Paul Hines– 664
Tom Carey– 646
Lip Pike– Davy Force– 627
Ezra Sutton– 625
Mike McGeary– 620
Al Spalding– 613
Jack Burdock– 589
Dave Egger– 572
Bob Ferguson– 564
Dick Higham– 548

1876-1879 (NL only)

John Clapp– 329
Tom York– 324
Jack Burdock– 302
John Morrill– 300
Joe Gerhardt– 291
Tom Carey– 288
Ezra Sutton– 282
Bob Ferguson– 269
Orator Shafer– 260
Ross Barnes– 249

1880-1889

George Gore– 1201
Monte Ward– 1164
Hick Carpenter– 1148
Fred Dunlap– 1141
Pete Browning– 1136
Jack Rowe– 1118
George Wood– 1110
Deacon White– 1107
Chicken Wolf– 1105
Tom Burns– 1095

1890-1899

Patsy Donovan– 1539
Dummy Hoy– 1535
Cupid Childs– 1532
Steve Brodie– 1515
Jimmy Ryan– 1514
Mike Tiernan– 1424
Tommy Corcoran– 1423
Tommy Tucker– 1393
Lave Cross– 1372
Willie Keeler– 1363



Ezra Sutton

Doubles

1870-1879 (NA & NL)

Al Spalding– 86
Dick Higham– 85
Levi Meyerle– 85

Andy Leonard– 83
Ezra Sutton– 81
Davy Force– 79
Dave Egger– 78
Tom Carey– 77
Joe Start– 73
Wes Fidler– 72

1876-1879 (NL only)

Ezra Sutton– 44
John Peters– 43
Dick Higham– 43
Orator Shafer– 41
Jack Manning– 39
Jack Burdock– 37
Lip Pike– 36
Abner Dalrymple– 35
Joe Gerhardt– 35
Tom Carey– 34

1880-1889

Tom Burns– 211
John Morrill– 206
Pete Browning– 204
Jack Glasscock– 203
Bill Phillips– 199
Jerry Denny– 197
Ned Williamson– 191
George Wood– 187
George Gore– 186
Jack Rowe– 179

1890-1899

Jack Doyle– 216
Jesse Burkett– 213
Ed McKean– 213
Joe Kelley– 210
Lave Cross– 207
Mike Tiernan– 205
Roger Conner– 203
George Van Haltren– 193
Billy Hamilton– 190
Jake Stenzel– 190

Research This & That

Longtime Committee member, **David Nemec**, has delivered another valuable addition to any baseball library research shelf, a two volume set, compiled and edited by Nemec, *Major League Baseball Profiles 1871-1900*, University of Nebraska Press, 2011. Volume One is subtitled, *The Ballplayers Who Built the Game* while Volume two goes under the subtitle, *The Hall of Famers and Memorable Personalities Who Shaped the Game*. Nineteenth Century Committee Chairman, Peter Mancuso contributed a review of the set on Amazon.com. He highly recommends it.

We are saddened to report the passing of Nineteenth Century Committee member **Michael Hartnagel** of Wilmington, Delaware. Michael attended the 2010 Frederick Ivor- Campbell 19th Century Baseball Conference in Cooperstown, but had to pass on last spring's conference while he braved treatment for a very aggressive cancer. His courageous battle with the disease was a testament to his strong character and gentlemanly ways. Priscilla Astifan posted this not long after Michael's passing, "Richard [Astifan] and I once had the pleasure of his hospitality at his home in Wilmington, Delaware as we viewed his impressive baseball memorabilia collection. Richard's brother Bill had recently done landscaping work for him. "Also, Richard and I had the pleasure of sitting across from him at dinner at the Otesaga during last year's

(2010) spring conference. "Very sad indeed as we also rejoice in the legacy of each of them [also referencing David Ball]." Michael will be missed and remembered, may he rest in peace.

Oxford University Press has issued a newly revised edition, with the proper attribution of **Dorothy Seymour Mills** as co-author with her late husband, Dr. Harold Seymour, of the three volume classic, *Baseball: The Early Years*, *Baseball: The Golden Age* and *Baseball: The Peoples Game*. The final volume lists Mill's name first, giving her due recognition as the senior author of that volume. Autographed copies by Mill's are available for purchase at her website: www.dorothyjanemills.com.

A Reminder to all of our Committee Members: **SABR's Annual Dues** for 2012 became renewable between October 1st, 2011 and the end of 2011. If you have not done so already, please, renew your SABR dues as quickly as possible.

Bill Felber, Editor-in-Chief of our Nineteenth Century Committee book project, *Inventing Baseball: The 100 Greatest Games of the Nineteenth Century* has recently supplied us with his latest progress report. As we approached mid December, over 90 game essays had been written by our more than two dozen contributors. Most of those in have been edited by Len

Levin and nearly that many have been fact checked by Cliff Blau. The remaining ten essays have been promised by January 1st. Bill is working closely now with Mark Fimoff our photo editor and Celia Tan, SABR's Publications Director.

The first of the two volumes of the **Pioneer Project** books, the volume that deals with pre-professional baseball in all geographic areas beyond the Greater New York City area, edited by **Peter Morris** and **Jan Finkle** is at the publisher (MacFarland). In the meanwhile, **Bill Ryczek** who graciously accepted the invitation to edit the second volume, which is dedicated to the teams and persons of the Greater NYC area, is heading for the home stretch with his phase of the project.



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Society for American Baseball Research (SABR)
Nineteenth Century Committee
Frederick Ivor- Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference
 Friday and Saturday, April 20 & 21, 2012
 National Baseball Hall of Fame & Museum, Cooperstown, New York

Program & Schedule

Friday, April 20, 2012

- 1:00PM - 1:30PM - Lobby of Giamatti Research Center, Check-in and gathering.
- 1:30PM - 1:45PM - Bullpen Theater – Welcome and Introductions.
- 1:45PM - 2:15PM - Bullpen Theater – Research Presentation , TBA
- 2:15PM - 3:15PM - Bullpen Theater – Special Presentation, Jerry Casway, “The Irish and the Advent of Jim Crow Baseball”
- 3:15PM - 3:45PM - Hall of Fame – Gallery Walk or Artifact Presentation
- 3:45PM - 4:00PM - 6th Inning Stretch – HOF Bookstore, Gift Shop and Other Necessities.
- 4:00PM - 4:30PM - Bullpen Theater - Research Presentation, TBA
- 4:30PM - 5:00PM - Bullpen Theater - Research Presentation , TBA
- 7:00PM - 10:00PM –Private Dining Room – Otesaga Hotel – Welcoming Dinner (optional)

Saturday, April 21, 2012

- 9:00AM - 10:00AM - Giamatti Center – Research Room, Check-in and morning coffee service.
- 10:00AM-10:15AM - Bullpen Theater - Welcome and Introductions.
- 10:15AM-10:45AM - Bullpen Theater – Research Presentation, TBA
- 10:45AM-11:45AM - Bullpen Theater – Panel Discussion: Eric Miklich will moderate: “The Ten Best Baseball Rules of the 19th Century” – Panelists: TBA
- 11:45AM - 1:30PM - Templeton Hall (1 minute walk from HOF) - Luncheon. Keynote Address: William J. Ryczek, Prolific Author of 19th-Century and other Baseball Books.
- 1:30PM - 2:45PM - Bullpen Theater – Member Spotlight – Tom Simon will interview David Nemeec.
- 2:45PM - 3:15PM - Bullpen Theater – Research Presentation, TBA
- 3:15PM - 4:00PM - Giamatti Center – 7th Inning Stretch: Coffee & Book Signings
- 4:00PM - 4:30PM - Bullpen Theater – Research Presentation, TBA
- 4:30PM - 5:00PM - Bullpen Theater - Attending Members Open Forum and Closing.

Within one hour of our Saturday conference conclusion, you are invited to join the traditional & optional Post Conference Gathering (unless a reasonably priced group dining arrangement can be made prior to the conference, food & beverage costs are the responsibility of individuals). Simple Food, Good Cheer and Great Conversations. A nearby location for Saturday evening (and group price if available) will be announced in advance of the conference.

2012 Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference, Program Details

Optional Friday Evening Welcoming Dinner:

This year our conference will again include a Welcoming Dinner that will provide not only the wonderful cuisine of the **Hawkeye Grill** and ambiance of the elegant **Otesaga Hotel**, but also the environment to converse and socialize - A **PRIVATE DINING ROOM**, reserved exclusively for our conference attendees and their guests. There will be four main entree selections to choose from the Hawkeye Grill's "Spring 2012 Menu" (meat, fish, poultry & vegetarian). Salad, iced tea or lemonade, desert, coffee /decaf/ tea, all service charges, the room fee and tax are included for one set price (\$39.00 per person) to be paid with conference registration. A cash bar will be available as the only individual cost variable. We will have the room from 7:00PM until 10:00PM, Cocktails and gathering at 7:00, dinner seating will be at 7:30PM.

Optional Saturday Evening Post Conference Gathering:

As in past years we will continue the tradition of a post-conference gathering of attendees and their guests within an hour of the 5:00PM conference conclusion on Saturday evening. Individuals will be responsible for their own food and beverage costs directly to the restaurant or tavern, unless we can arrange for an affordable group price in advance in which case we will notify the registrants and secure their commitments. Our 2012 location for this gathering will be announced in advance of the conference.

Travel Directions, Hall of Fame Information:

Complete travel directions to the Hall of Fame, Museum hours and special exhibitions can be found on their comprehensive website: www.baseballhalloffame.org.

Lodging, Dining, Sightseeing:

Complete information on lodging, dining and area attractions can be obtained through the Cooperstown Chamber of Commerce (607) 547-6006 or on their website: www.cooperstownchamber.org.

Hall of Fame Research Library:

To make an appointment with the HOF's Research Library (open Monday – Friday, 9:00AM -5:00PM): Call: (607) 547-0330 or 0335 during their operating hours, EST, about a week or two in advance.

19th - Century Base Ball Research Presentations:

To submit a proposed 25 minute research presentation on any aspect of 19th - century baseball, email (or mail a hard copy) a 100-200 word abstract to Peter Mancuso, 6970 Ely Road, New Hope, PA 18938, email: peterplus4@earthlink.net, before February 15, 2012. Please, include all contact information

Conference Registration:

Who: Conference Registration is open to all SABR members and up to two non-SABR family members or friends (18 years old or over). See Registration Form for "Welcoming Dinner", "Luncheon Only" and "Post Conference Gathering" options.

When: Registration commences soon after January 1, 2012 and will continue until April 10, 2012 or until registration is announced "closed" due to space constraints. The Bullpen Theater can accommodate 55 persons, the luncheon up to 80persons and the Friday evening Welcoming Dinner up to 65 persons so please, register early.

How: Registrations can be accepted by mail only: send completed 19th-Century Base Ball Conference Registration Form to: Peter Mancuso, 6970 Ely Road, New Hope, PA 18938. Enclose your personal check for the appropriate amount and made **payable to: "SABR - 19c BB Conference."** Please, mail prior to **April 10, 2012**. If you miss the registration mailing deadline to see if space is still available or if other information is required, contact Peter Mancuso: peterplus4@earthlink.net, (215) 862-2887.

Book Signings: Conference attendees who are baseball book authors will have an opportunity to submit their title/s, publisher/s and ISBN/s when registering so that the HOF bookstore can stock your book for purchase through their store for signing. All books for signing during the conference must be purchased through the HOF bookstore except those previously own by attendees; special exceptions for OP books.

**Society For American Baseball Research (SABR)
Nineteenth Century Committee
Frederick Ivor-Campbell 19th Century Base Ball Conference**

Friday & Saturday, April 20 & 21, 2012

To register, SABR Members prepare and mail this form & payment (Photocopies are OK)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St (Prov.) _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Telephones: Home _____ Mobile: _____

Email _____

Friday evening Welcoming Dinner (up to 3 persons total) \$39.00 X _____ person/s = \$ _____

Conference (Incls Sat. Luncheon & Conference 3 persons total) \$55X _____ person/s= \$ _____

Luncheon Only (companion/s not attending conf. ltd.2 additional)\$35X _____ person/s = \$ _____

DO NOT PAY FOR LUNCHEON FOR PERSONS ALREADY PAYING FOR CONFERENCE

Total amount in registration fees enclosed (not to exceed three persons in total)... = \$ _____
(Check made payable to: **“SABR – 19th BB Conference”**)

Name/s of person/s attending conference: _____

Name/s of person/s for Sat. Luncheon (but not conference) _____

Names of persons attending Friday evening Welcoming Dinner (including conference attendees):

Attention conference registrants who are also baseball book authors. We invite you to sign copies of your book/s during our 7th Inning Stretch (Sat., 3:15PM-4:PM in the Giamatti Research Center). Please, note that all book purchases must be made through the Hall of Fame Book Store unless arrangements for OP books. The Book Store will order additional copies of your book/s for this purpose. If you agree to do book signings, please indicate by providing the following:

Book Title: _____ ISBN: _____

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