

1863 NATIONAL BASE BALL ORGANIZATION REVIEW

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The 1863 National Base Ball Organization season was one of change, with five of the six regional champions finishing in first place for the first time. In the process, what appeared to be the tightest season yet at the halfway point became one in which the up-and-comers pulled away from the rest of the competition.

The same was true in the race for the Batting Championship. At the season's midway point there were seven players batting over .400, but by the end of the final day of competition there was but only one: Nik Madsen of Nassau County.

1863 was the year in which Jim Creighton became the dominant powerhouse everyone thought he would be, leading the entire N.B.B.O. in Wins, E.R.A., & Strikeouts to earn the first "Triple Crown", while setting records in numerous categories.

Speaking of records, Jim Creighton was not the only player to make history in 1863. Flour City's James Hoyt set records for Hits & Total Bases, teammate William McQuaid became the first player with a Hitting Streak longer than forty games, Cantabrigians' Maurice Thyne established a new record for Doubles, Mass. Bay's Raleigh Altstadt broke the record for Triples, Sportsman's Doc Matheson set a new Home Run mark, and Shamrock pitcher Walter Stegall had the most Wins in a season without a loss.

There were two fifty-win teams on the season: new Coastal champions Port Jersey and venerable St. John's (both 50-20), with the two teams experiencing opposing fates in the postseason. Lake Erie & Oceanic brought up the rear at 22-48.

When it came time to play for the Tucker-Wheaton Cup the new guard was completely unable to take down St. John's, with Providence's finest going 9-1 and taking the cup home for the third time.

It was a much-needed year of change for the National Base Ball Organization, even if the grand old men of St. John's won out in the end. More of the same will be hoped for in 1864.

NEW YORK LEAGUE STANDINGS

BROOKLYN	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD	N. Y. C.	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD
Excelsior	48	22	.686	--	459	366	+93	Harlem	46	24	.657	--	534	455	+79
Kings Co.	41	29	.586	7	521	463	+58	Orange ²	42	28	.600	4	557	469	+88
Atlantic	39	31	.557	9	539	500	+39	Gotham	42	28	.600	4	528	467	+61
Continental	36	34	.514	12	482	487	-5	Knickerbocker	37	33	.529	9	449	438	+11
Empire	32	38	.457	16	387	434	-47	Mutual	32	38	.457	14	500	513	-13
Bedford ¹	29	41	.414	19	438	467	-29	Union	29	41	.414	17	500	537	-37
Eckford	29	41	.414	19	427	490	-63	Metropolitan	28	42	.400	18	440	523	-83
Nassau Co.	26	44	.371	22	457	503	-46	Hilltop	24	46	.343	22	387	493	-106

UPSTATE	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD
Niagara	46	24	.657	--	550	408	+142
Binghamton	39	31	.557	7	496	508	-12
Flour City	38	32	.543	8	608	592	+16
Utica	36	34	.514	10	528	522	+6
Syracuse	35	35	.500	11	529	524	+5
Eagle ³	29	41	.414	17	471	523	-52
Victory	29	41	.414	17	479	516	-37
Minuteman	28	42	.400	18	426	494	-68

1: Bedford was 7-3 vs Eckford

2: Orange was 6-4 vs Gotham

3: Eagle was 10-0 vs Victory

NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE STANDINGS

COASTAL	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD	INLAND	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD
Port Jersey	50	20	.714	--	549	416	+133	Merrimack M.	44	26	.629	--	546	444	+102
Shamrock	46	24	.657	4	478	366	+112	Sportsman's	41	29	.586	3	495	418	+77
Mass. Bay	36	34	.514	14	526	488	+38	Reading	40	30	.571	4	510	473	+37
American	34	36	.486	16	525	520	+5	Susquehanna	38	32	.543	6	492	460	+32
Newark ¹	31	39	.443	19	450	479	-29	Scranton ²	34	36	.486	10	430	449	-19
Trenton Utd.	31	39	.443	19	455	515	-60	Pioneer	34	36	.486	10	416	440	-24
Quaker St.	27	43	.386	23	413	511	-98	Alleghany	27	43	.386	17	425	511	-86
Olympic	25	45	.357	25	409	510	-101	Lake Erie	22	48	.314	22	400	519	-119

N. ENGLAND	W	L	PCT	GB	R	RA	RD
St. John's	50	20	.714	--	599	411	+188
Green Mtn.	43	27	.614	7	504	441	+63
S. o. t. O.	40	30	.571	10	528	404	+124
Granite	38	32	.543	12	494	476	+18
Portland	31	39	.443	19	469	557	-88
Quinnipiac	30	40	.429	20	478	553	-75
Cantabrigians	26	44	.371	24	447	549	-102
Oceanic	22	48	.314	28	447	575	-128

1: Newark was 6-4 vs Trenton Utd.

2: Scranton was 5-5 vs Pioneer, wins Run Differential tiebreaker

TUCKER-WHEATON CUP

TEAM	W	L	GB	R	RA	RD
ST. JOHN'S	9	1	--	77	53	+24
HARLEM	6	4	3	57	46	+11
MERRIMACK	5	5	4	63	65	-2
EXCELSIOR	5	5	4	67	71	-4
NIAGARA	3	7	6	54	61	-7
PORT JERSEY	2	8	7	61	83	-22

Merrimack won both games vs Excelsior

MOST VAULABLE PLAYER: Archie Mask (27 y/o CF, Excelsior)

435 AVG (20/46), 1.043 OPS, 6 2B, 1 3B, 11 R, 10 RBI, 5 SB, 1.47 WPA, 0.7 WAR, 4x P.o.t.G.

ST. JOHN'S: 10-6 W vs Port Jersey, 11-6 W vs Excelsior, 6-1 W at M.M, 15-9 L at Port Jersey, 6-5 W at Excelsior, 3-2 W vs Niagara, 7-5 W at Harlem, 11-3 W at Niagara, 5-4 W vs Harlem, 9-6 W vs Merrimack

Best Player: John McGowan (P) – 5-0, 3.07 ERA, 44.0 IP, 4 CG, 9 BB, 5 K, 1.30 WHIP, 0.7 WAR, 1.7 RA9-WAR

HARLEM: 7-3 W at Merrimack, 8-4 W vs Port Jersey, 7-4 loss at Niagara, 5-3 W vs Merrimack, 7-4 W at Port Jersey, 7-5 L vs St. John's, 7-6 L vs Excelsior, 5-4 L at St. John's, 3-1 vs Niagara, 8-5 W at Excelsior

Best Player: Reno Stegeman (1B) – .415 (17/41), 1.101 OPS, 2 2B, 2 3B, 1 HR, 10 R, 5 RBI, 0.4 WPA, 0.6 WAR

MERRIMACK: 7-3 L vs Harlem, 7-6 W vs Niagara, 6-1 L vs St. John's, 5-3 L at Harlem, 9-7 W at Niagara, 13-4 W vs Port Jersey, 8-5 W at Excelsior, 13-6 L at Port Jersey, 7-3 W vs Excelsior, 9-6 L at St. John's

Best Player: Lewis Knott (1B) – .463 (19/41), 1.073 OPS, 6 2B, 8 R, 7 RBI, 0.5 WPA, 0.5 WAR

EXCELSIOR: 7-6 W at Niagara, 11-6 L at St. John's, 12-5 W at Port Jersey, 11-10 W vs Niagara, 6-5 L vs St. John's, 8-5 L vs Merrimack, 7-6 W at Harlem, 7-3 L at Merrimack, 6-4 W vs Port Jersey, 8-5 L vs Harlem

Best Player: Archie Mask (CF) – Tucker-Wheaton Cup Most Valuable Player

NIAGARA: 7-6 L vs Excelsior, 7-6 L at Merrimack, 7-4 W vs Harlem, 11-10 L at Excelsior, 9-7 L vs Merrimack, 3-2 L at St. John's, 3-1 W vs Port Jersey, 11-3 L at St. John's, 9-5 W at Port Jersey, 3-1 L at Harlem

Best Player: Barney Fisher (3B) – .487 (19/42), 2 2B, 2 3B, 9 R, 6 RBI, 2 BB, 1 SB, 0.7 WPA, 0.7 WAR

PORT JERSEY: 10-6 L at St. John's, 8-4 L at Harlem, 12-5 L vs Excelsior, 15-9 W vs St. John's, 7-4 L vs Harlem, 13-4 L at Merrimack, 3-1 L at Niagara, 13-6 W vs Merrimack, 9-5 L vs Niagara, 6-4 L at Excelsior

Best Player: Edward Donovan (LF) – .458 (22/48), 2 2B, 2 3B, 11 R, 7 RBI, 11 SB, 0.4 WPA, 0.7 WAR

NEW YORK LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

BATSMAN OF THE YEAR: James Hoyt – 28 y/o RF, Flour City B.B.C.

- .395/.425/.554, .979 OPS, **91 R**, **131 H**, 22 2B, **14 3B**, 1 HR, 61 RBI, 19 SB, **184 TB**, **6.0 WPA**, 3.3 WAR
- Set N.B.B.O. records for Hits & Total Bases; led N.B.B.O. in Runs & WPA
- Taliesin Buckley (CF, GOT) 2nd – .399/.**429**/.548, 85 R, 121 H, 23 2B, 11 3B, 59 RBI, 29 SB, 4.1 WPA, 3.2 WAR
- Nik Madsen (LF, N.C.) 3rd – **.407**/.424/.514, 61 R, 129 H, 19 2B, 6 3B, 1 HR, 47 RBI, 3 SB, 2.6 WPA, 2.7 WAR

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Jim Creighton – 22 y/o P, Excelsior B.B.C.

- **26-4**, **2.29 ERA**, 302.0 IP, **27 CG**, **2 SHO**, 28 BB, **69 K**, **1.02 WHIP**, **2.5 K/BB**, **7.0 WAR**, **12.4 RA9-WAR**
- Set N.B.B.O. records for HA/9, WHIP, O-AVG, O-OBP, O-OPS, WAR, & RA9-WAR
- James Hoyt (RF, F.C.) 2nd – .395/.425/.554, **91 R**, **131 H**, **37 XBH**, 1 HR, 61 RBI, **184 TB**, **6.0 WPA**, 3.3 WAR
- Edward Huntley (SS, ORA) 3rd – .360/.403/.479, 76 R, 114 H, 29 XBH, 68 RBI, 35 SB, +15.2 ZR, 3.3 WPA, **4.1 WAR**

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Jackson Butler – 25 y/o SS, Harlem B.B.C.

- .349/.375/.442, .817 OPS, 43 R, 94 H, 12 2B, 5 3B, 1 HR, 58 RBI, 13 SB, +13.7 ZR, 2.0 WPA, 2.4 WAR
- Starting SS for N.Y.C. champions; led N.Y.L. newcomers in WAR
- Burkhard Winter (LF, MET) 2nd – .349/.375/.444, 55 R, 106 H, 22 XBH, 67 RBI, 18 SB, 3.2 WPA, 1.4 WAR
- Luc Billon (LF, GOT) 3rd – .327/.380/.436, 73 R, 99 H, 28 XBH, 52 RBI, 12 SB, 2.6 WPA, 2.2 WAR

GOLDEN GLOVES

P: Rainer van der Hout (ORA, 1st) – 65 TC, 2 DP, 5 E, 2.1 RNG, +4.6 ZR, 1.06 EFF

C: Martin Elson (UTI, 3rd) – 117 PB, 32.7 CS%, 4.63 C-ERA, +13.3 ZR, **1.47 EFF**

1B: Frank Krillenberger (EMP, 2nd) – 761 TC, 75 AST, 34 DP, 10 E, +5.9 ZR, 1.07 EFF

2B: Benjamin Lovette (EXC, 1st) – 409 TC, 166 PO, 206 AST, 35 DP, 37 E, 6.0 RNG, +14.3 ZR, 1.16 EFF

3B: Fred Whaley (ECK, 5th) – 268 TC, 39 PO, 212 AST, 4 DP, 17 E, 3.6 RNG, +14.8 ZR, 1.15 EFF

SS: Edward Huntley (ORA, 6th) – 445 TC, 138 PO, **271 AST**, 39 DP, 46 E, 5.9 RNG, **+15.2 ZR**, 1.12 EFF

OF: Peter Sweet (ECK, 1st) – 219 TC, 197 PO, 9 AST, 0 DP, 13 E, 2.9 RNG, +5.1 ZR, 1.07 EFF

CF: Alistair Jones (MUT, 1st) – 337 TC, 277 PO, 14 AST, 1 DP, 46 E, 4.3 RNG, +5.3 ZR, 1.05 EFF

OF: William Sylvester (HILL, 1st) – 236 TC, 200 PO, 8 AST, 0 DP, 28 E, 3.0 RNG, +11.9 ZR, 1.11 EFF

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C: Martin Elson (30 y/o, Utica, 1st)

- .373/.388/.409, 41 R, 103 H, 10 2B, 0 3B, 0 HR, 54 RBI, 10 BB, 3 SB, 2.5 WPA, 2.5 WAR, G.G.

1B: Henry Fowler (32 y/o, Flour City, 1st)

- .394/.428/.563, .991 OPS, 60 R, 91 H, 26 2B, 5 3B, 1 HR, 54 RBI, 15 BB, 6 SB, 3.3 WPA, 2.3 WAR

2B: Hamish Barclay (31 y/o, Gotham, 1st)

- .367/.401/.521, 73 R, 112 H, 25 2B, 11 3B, 0 HR, 63 RBI, 19 BB, 20 SB, 4.4 WPA, 2.9 WAR

3B: Harrison LaCasse (32 y/o, Bedford, 1st)

- .310/.349/.447, 51 R, 88 H, 18 2B, 3 3B, 5 HR, 46 RBI, 14 BB, 2 SB, 1.6 WPA, 2.0 WAR

SS: Edward Huntley (27 y/o, Orange, 4th)

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OF: Nik Madsen (29 y/o, Nassau Co, 1st)

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GR: John Lee (Harlem)

- 46-24 – Harlem won N.Y.C. after being projected to finish 4th; finished 2nd in Tucker-Wheaton Cup

NORTHEASTERN LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

BATSMAN OF THE YEAR: Konrad Jensen – 24 y/o RF, St. John's B.C.

- .379/**.450**/.525, **.975 OPS**, 88 R, 114 H, 16 2B, 5 3B, 6 HR, 68 RBI, **37 BB**, 48 SB, 3.9 WPA, 3.7 WAR
- Hit .416 w/ 46 R, 34 RBI, 29 SB over second half of season; hit .390 w/ 11 R, 6 RBI, 8 SB in Tucker-Wheaton Cup
- Samuel Kessler (3B, S.o.t.O) 2nd – .378/.450/.514, 72 R, 112 H, 30 XBH, **72 RBI**, 18 SB, 4.7 WPA, 3.5 WAR
- Alexander Hedrick (RF, M.M.) 3rd – .392/.423/.550, 71 R, 114 H, 33 XBH, 64 RBI, 15 SB, 4.9 WPA, 2.8 WAR

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Anthony Mascherino – 24 y/o SS, Green Mountain B.C. (2nd M.V.P.)

- .365/.413/.462, 74 R, 109 H, 18 2B, 4 3B, 1 HR, 56 RBI, 29 SB, **+33.3 ZR**, 3.9 WPA, **5.4 WAR**
- Led N.E.L. in Batter WAR for 6th time; won 7th Golden Glove at SS
- Walter Williams (CF, SHA) 2nd – .300/.339/.414, 85 R, 92 H, 30 XBH, 27 RBI, **60 SB**, **5.0 WPA**, 2.5 WAR
- Willie Davis (CF, SUS) 3rd – .348/.374/.494, 67 R, 112 H, 34 XBH, 61 RBI, 53 SB, 4.4 WPA, 3.2 WAR

NEWCOMER OF THE YEAR: Edward Donovan – 25 y/o LF, Port Jersey B.B.C.

- .384/.405/.492, .897 OPS, 84 R, 124 H, 16 2B, 8 3B, 1 HR, 61 RBI, 37 SB, 3.9 WPA, 3.3 WAR
- Led N.E.L. newcomers in AVG, R, H, RBI, SB, TB, WPA, & WAR
- Julius Bailey (LF, SPO) 2nd – .379/.420/.537, 62 R, 108 H, 30 XBH, 60 RBI, 16 SB, 3.3 WPA, 2.8 WAR
- Franklin Petty (CF, L.E.) 3rd – .368/.392/.511, 54 R, 98 H, 26 XBH, 44 RBI, 16 SB, 1.6 WPA, 1.9 WAR

GOLDEN GLOVES

P: Ben Bailey (G.M, 2nd) – 80 TC, 3 DP, 5 E, 2.2 RNG, +5.7 ZR, 1.08 EFF

C: Jimmy Reardon (AME, 4th) – 94 PB, 34.5 CS%, 4.43 C-ERA, +16.9 ZR, 1.08 EFF

1B: Enda Reed (SHA, 1st) – 694 TC, 50 AST, 33 DP, 11 E, +7.2 ZR, 1.11 EFF

2B: James Near (Q.S, 1st) – 415 TC, 148 PO, 237 AST, 30 DP, 30 E, 5.9 RNG, +18.0 ZR, 1.16 EFF

3B: Jasper Chamberlain (M.B, 1st) – 259 TC, 54 PO, 171 AST, 8 DP, 34 E, 3.4 RNG, +7.2 ZR, 1.06 EFF

SS: Anthony Mascherino (G.M, 7th) – 422 TC, 115 PO, **277 AST**, 32 DP, 27 E, 5.7 RNG, **+33.3 ZR**, **1.29 EFF**

OF: Andrew Bidwell (SUS, 1st) – 195 TC, 177 PO, 4 AST, 0 DP, 14 E, 2.6 RNG, +8.3 ZR, 1.06 EFF

CF: Walter Williams (SHA, 1st) – 316 TC, 267 PO, 9 AST, 0 DP, 40 E, 4.0 RNG, +5.5 ZR, 1.03 EFF

OF: Leslie Wolf (REA, 3rd) – 245 TC, 210 PO, 5 AST, 0 DP, 30 E, 3.3 RNG, +6.5 ZR, 1.06 EFF

TEAM OF THE YEAR

P: Herman Easley (27 y/o, Susquehanna, 1st)

- 24-10, 3.02 ERA, 291.2 IP, 24 CG, 0 SHO, 30 BB, 55 K, 1.21 WHIP, 1.7 K/9, 1.8 K/BB, 6.3 WAR, 6.9 RA9-WAR

C: Joe Feuerstein (31 y/o, Portland, 3rd)

- .326/.376/.421, 53 R, 99 H, 25 2B, 2 3B, 0 HR, 50 RBI, 21 BB, 5 SB, +10.8 ZR, 1.4 WPA, 2.8 WAR

1B: Maurice Thyne (26 y/o, Cantabrigians, 1st)

- .355/.377/.517, 58 R, 105 H, 34 2B, 4 3B, 2 HR, 53 RBI, 9 BB, 2 SB, 3.2 WPA, 1.8 WAR

2B: Willard Krone (33 y/o, Port Jersey, 1st)

- .336/.364/.427, 73 R, 103 H, 8 2B, 4 3B, 4 HR, 48 RBI, 14 BB, 0 SB, +10.7 ZR, 1.7 WPA, 2.3 WAR

3B: Samuel Kessler (27 y/o, Sons of the Ocean, 6th)

- .378/.450/.514, 72 R, 112 H, 21 2B, 8 3B, 1 HR, 72 RBI, 27 BB, 18 SB, 4.7 WPA, 3.5 WAR

SS: Anthony Mascherino (24 y/o, Green Mountain, 5th)

- .365/.413/.462, 74 R, 109 H, 18 2B, 4 3B, 1 HR, 56 RBI, 26 BB, 29 SB, +33.3 ZR, 3.9 WPA, 5.4 WAR, G.G, M.V.P.

OF: Alexander Hedrick (33 y/o, Merrimack Mills, 1st)

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CF: Arthur Waltrip (31 y/o, American, 2nd)

- .389/.425/.489, 82 R, 121 H, 13 2B, 9 3B, 0 HR, 49 RBI, 19 BB, 30 SB, 4.3 WPA, 3.0 WAR

OF: Konrad Jensen (24 y/o, St. John's, 4th)

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MGR: John Clark (Port Jersey)

- 50-20 – P.J. won Coastal after being projected to finish 6th in Coastal at 35-35; made T.W.C. for 1st time

MISCELLANEOUS

RECORDS

- Jim Creighton (Excelsior) set new records for WHIP (1.02), OPP AVG (.239), OPP OBP (.262), OPP OPS (.566), WAR (7.0), & RA9-WAR (12.4) in a season.
- James Hoyt (Flour City) set new records for Hits (131) & Total Bases (184) in a season.
- Maurice Thyne (Cantabrigians) set a new record for Doubles in a season with 34.
- Raleigh Altstadt (Mass. Bay) set a new record for Triples in a season with 16.
- Doc Matheson (Sportsman's) set a new record for Home Runs in a season with 8.
- Walter Stegall (Shamrock) set a new record for Wins in a season without a loss with 16 (16-0, 2.87 ERA, 160 IP).
- William McQuaid (Flour City) established the new Longest Hitting streak at 41 games (ended June 28th)

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Niagara became the first team to score the most Runs (608, 8.7 p/g) and allow the most Runs (592, 8.5 p/g) in their league in the same season.
- Jim Creighton (26-4, 2.29 ERA, 69 K) became the first person to win the Pitching Triple Crown.
- Four players – William Pfeffer (POR), Oliver Stein (BING), Arthur Waltrip (AME), & Vic Whitley (K.C.) – had six-hit games.
- Jonathan German (Syracuse) hit for the Cycle on July 3rd, the first Cycle since August 6th, 1859.
- Charles Haynes (Utica) hit for the N.B.B.O's second Cycle of the season on July 30th.
- Six players hit five or more Home Runs. There were five such seasons in total over the N.B.B.O's first six years.
- William Johnson (St. John's) ended the season as the only player with 1,000 career Total Bases (1,019).
- Arthur Waltrip (American) ended the season as the only player with 800 career Hits (801).
- Clive Wise (S.o.t.O.) ended the season as the only player with 400 career R.B.I. (412).
- Walter Williams (Shamrock) ended the season as the only player with 300 career Stolen Bases (325).
- John McGowan (St. John's) ended the season as the only pitcher with 150 career Wins (150).
- Joe Cunningham (Shamrock) ended the season as the only pitcher with 10 career Shutouts (10).