

# THE 1858 CUP PLAYOFFS ARE SET!

## THREE CHAMPIONSHIPS GO TO THE FINAL DAY; KNICKERBOCKER MOST DOMINANT

NORTHEASTERN U.S.A., August 9 (1858) – The National Base Ball Organization season came to an end yesterday afternoon, and that means the six-team field for the second edition of the Tucker-Wheaton Cup Playoffs has been set! Three of the six city & regional championships went down to the final day of competition, and here's how they ended.

Brooklyn Championship – Kings Co.'s epic pennant race with Nassau Co. went into the final day with both teams tied at 45-24. Kings Co. played at Continental and won 7-3 thanks to Clifford Holmes CG win and 2/3 day at the plate. Meanwhile, Nassau Co. suffered a stunning home loss to 25-44 Excelsior, and that meant Kings Co. were the Brooklyn champions.

New York City Championship – Knickerbocker B.B.C. entered August with an eleven-game lead over Mutual, and they ended the season as N.Y.C. champions by “only” ten games over Mutual. They finished with a league-best 51-19 record.

Upstate Championship – Victory B.B.C. had a one-game lead over surging Niagara going into the final Sunday, and thanks to a 10-8 win were able to hold onto the Upstate Championship by that single game and go to the cup playoffs for the second year in a row. All eight teams finished within ten games of each other.

Coastal Championship – All the big clubs in the Coastal – American, Mass. Bay, Newark, Port Jersey, Quaker St., & Shamrock – and it was Trenton Utd. that took the Coastal pennant after a Shamrock loss meant their own 4-3 loss at Port Jersey kept them in first place by a single game.

Inland Championship – Alleghany was outstanding again this season thanks to a 44-26 record, but the surprise team of the year once again came from Inland. This time, it was Reading Athletic Club, who went 48-22.

New England Championship – St. John's B.C., as expected, was the class of New England Championship, going 51-19 and winning it by eight games over Green Mtn.

With the regular season over, here is what the Tucker-Wheaton Cup Playoffs will look like:

#### **NEW YORK LEAGUE**

Semi-Final: #3 Victory Base Ball Club (Upstate, 40-30) vs. #2 Kings County B.B.C. (Brooklyn, 46-24)

Championship: Victory or Kings Co. vs Knickerbocker Base Ball Club (New York City, 51-19)

#### **NEW ENGLAND**

Semi-Final: #3 Trenton United (Coastal, 43-27) vs. #2 Reading Athletic Club (Inland, 48-22)

Championship: Trenton Utd. or Reading Ath. vs St. John's Baseball Club (New England, 51-19)

#### **TUCKER-WHEATON CUP**

Northeastern League Champion vs New York League Champion

All series will be five games in length, following the HH-AA-H format. Due to the alternating home advantage in the cup final series, the New York League champion will have home field advantage for the Tucker-Wheaton Cup this year.