

Pre-Civil-War Base Ball Games Played in Detroit

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Acronyms:

NYC = *New York Clipper*

PSOT = *Porter's Spirit of the Times*

WSOT = *Wilkes' Spirit of the Times*

Date of Game	City/Town Playing Field	Outcome	Sources
1859			
8 Aug (Mon)	Detroit, Michigan	Detroit 59 Early Risers 21 (<i>PSOT</i> (2): "... the game being the first match of Base Ball in this city. The grounds were filled at an early hour ... the 'Early Risers' playing to disadvantage being on the grounds of the 'Detroit Club,' which is very uneven and not adapted to playing on. They intend to have a new ground next season.")	(1) M. H. H., "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in Detroit," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 6, no. 24 (13 Aug 1859), p. 372, col. 3 (2) Tate, "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in Detroit," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 6, no. 24 (13 Aug 1859), p. 372, col. 3 (letter dated 9 Aug)
1860			
25 May (Fri)	Detroit, Mich.	Single 35 Married 28 (Detroit BBC intra-club game) (<i>PSOT</i> : "The game was a close and exciting one, and was witnessed by a large assemblage of the citizens of Detroit.")	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in Michigan," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 15 (9 Jun 1860), p. 228, col. 2
2 Jun	Detroit, Mich. Detroit BBC grounds	Dumon's side 28 Sines' side 20 (Detroit BBC intra-club game) (<i>PSOT</i> : "The Detroit is attached to	(1) "Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Detroit Base Ball Club," <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 16 (9 Jun 1860), p. 228, col. 2

		the National Association.”)	
21 Jun (Thu)	Detroit, Mich.	Detroit Base Ball Club 56 Detroit Cricket Club 24 (base ball) (<i>PSOT</i> : “It will be recollected that the last-named Club [Detroit BBC] published not long since in the Detroit Tribune a challenge to play a match game of Base Ball with any Base Ball Club in the State. This challenge was accepted by the Cricket Club, with the understanding that a return game of Cricket should be played.”) (<i>NYC</i> : “The fielding of the cricket club was excellent, but not being up to all the technicalities of the game, played at a disadvantage. No return game will be played, as the cricketers find base ball too much like hard work.”)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Detroit Base Ball Club vs. Detroit Cricket Club,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 19 (3 Jul 1860), p. 293, col. 1 (2) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball vs. Cricket—Detroit B, B. C. vs. Detroit Cricket Club,” <i>WSOT</i> , vol. [xx], no. [xx] (14 Jul 1860), p. [xx], col. 1 (3) “Cricket vs. Base Ball,” <i>NYC</i> , [?] Jul 1860
17 Jul (Tue)	Detroit, Mich.	Detroit 25 Early Risers 22	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in Michigan,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 24 (7 Aug 1860), p. 372, col. 3