

Table of Pre-Civil-War “Base Ball”-Related Games Played in New Orleans

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Acronyms:

BDE = *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*

NYC = *New York Clipper*

NYT = *New York Times*

PSOT = *Porter’s Spirit of the Times*

Date of Game	City/Town Playing Field	Outcome	Sources
1859			
1 Sep (Thu)	New Orleans, La.	Single 51 Married 33 (base ball – 9-inning Empire Club intra-club game)	(1) “Base Ball in New Orleans,” <i>NYC</i> , [?] Sep 1859
14 & 22 Sep (Wed & Fri) (<i>PSOT</i>) or 15 & 22 Sep (<i>NYC</i>)	New Orleans, La. Delachaise grounds in the upper part of the city”	Empire (New Orleans) 77 Louisiana (New Orleans) 64 (<i>PSOT</i> (1): “On Wednesday, 14th inst., the beautiful and airy grounds which have been devoted during the present season to the healthy sports of the field—the Delachaise property, near Louisiana Avenue— presented a most animated and enlivening appearance. The occasion was the commencement of a match of base ball between the Louisiana B. B. C., and the Empires, on a challenge of the latter. The arrangements for the accommodation of visitors were most ample in every respect. There were commodious tents for the ladies spread under the umbrageous branches of the fine old live oaks, and they were served with refreshments by the polite stewards of the Clubs, appointed for the	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball at New Orleans,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 7, no. 5 (1 Oct 1859), p. 69, cols. 1-2 (2) <i>New Orleans Picayune</i> , 23 Sep 1859 [NOT YET SEEN] (3) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball at New Orleans,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 7, no. 5 [sic: 6] (8 Oct 1859), p. 83, cols. 1-2 [reprint of (2)] (4) “Base Ball in New Orleans— Contest between the Louisiana and Empire Base Ball Clubs,” <i>NYC</i> , [?] Oct 1859

	<p>occasion, and who performed their part of the duties of the day in the most creditable manner. / Nor were the male guests of the Clubs unprovided for by the thoughtful masters of ceremonies upon this occasion. Everything was done to make them pleased with their visit to the ground, and to make them wish to come again. Altogether, there was a large and delighted concourse of citizens upon the field. ... Although it was getting towards dusk, it was agreed to play a sixth before suspending thhe match, and at the end of that innings, the Empire led the Louisianians <i>twelve</i> runs. / Three more innings, on each side, remain to be played, in this so far admirably-contested game, which will be resumed next Monday afternoon, at half past 3 o'clock.”)</p> <p>(<i>PSOT</i> (4): “There was a large number of spectators on the ground, and the day was most auspicious for the playing.”)</p> <p>(<i>NYC</i> - “This being the first match that has been played between two clubs in that city, it created an unusual excitement among field sporters.” After 6 innings “when darkness coming on, it was agreed that the last three remaining innings should be played on the 22d Sept.” At the end of the game “The umpire then presented the captain of the Empire Club the ball, which was the agreed upon trophy of victory, with a few remarks, pertinent to the occasion; upon receiving which, Mr. McManus called for three cheers for the Louisiana Base Ball Club. They were given with enthusiasm, and were responded in kind by the members of that club.”)</p>	
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6 Oct (Thu)	New Orleans, La. Delachase grounds	Empire 56 Louisiana 26 (base ball)	(1) “Base Ball in New Orleans,” <i>NYC</i> , [?] Oct 1859
16 Oct (Sun)	New Orleans, La.	Woodin’s side 44-16 Coburn/Norton’s side 22 -24 (base ball – two Melpomenia Base Ball Club intra-club games)	(1) “Melpomenia Base-Ball Club,” <i>NYC</i> , [?] Oct 1859
6 Nov (Sun)	New Orleans, La. Third District	Pablo’s side 26 Setigast’s side 23 (Washington BBC intra-club game) (<i>PSOT</i> : “The club had their usual lively contest in the Third District on Sunday.”)	(1) <i>New Orleans Crescent</i> , 7 Nov 1859 [NOT YET SEEN] (2) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Washington Base Ball Club,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 7, no. 13 (26 Nov 1859), p. 196, col. 3 [reprint of (1)]
1860			
19 Feb (Sun)	Jefferson City, La. Delachaise grounds	Empire Southern (scheduled) (<i>PSOT</i> : “The Challenge of the Empire Base Ball Club to the other Clubs, to meet them in a match for the championship of New Orleans, has been accepted by the Southern Club. ... A lively contest was anticipated, and if the weather was fair, a great crowd was to go up to see it.”)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: The New Orleans Empire Club Challenge Accepted,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 1 (3 Mar 1860), p. 5, col. 2
13 Mar (Tue)	New Orleans, La. On their “field” on Customhouse St., two squares below Galvez Canal	Variety (winner by 23 runs) Apollo (<i>PSOT</i> : The Variety win “establishes there [sic] superiority, having before beaten the Apollo in a match.”)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 6 (7 Apr 1860), p. 93, col. 2
Prior to 7 Apr	New Orleans, La. Delachaise grounds	Empire (winner by 33 runs) Orleans (<i>PSOT</i> : The two clubs “played a matche [sic] for the championship of New Orleans ... The Empire boys ... keep the belt, which it will be hard to deprive them of.”)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 6 (7 Apr 1860), p. 93, col. 2

13 May (Sun)	New Orleans, La. Delachaise grounds	Magnolia 19 Empire 18 (base ball)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 13 (26 May 1860), p. 196, cols. 2-3 (2) “Base Ball in New Orleans—An Exciting Match,” <i>NYC</i> , [?] May 1860
20 Jun (Wed)	Delachaise	Chandler’s side 25 Dapremont’s side 17 (Empire BBC intra-club match) (<i>PSOT</i> : “A numerous assemblage of ladies and gentlemen witnessed the game. The members wore their handsome new field uniform, and showed off well as they went through the rapid and athletic movements of this healthful and truly manly sport.”)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans: Empire Base Ball Club,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 19 (3 Jul 1860), p. 293, col. 2 (2) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 27 (28 Aug 1860), p. 421, col. 2 [date: 21 Jun; score: 26- 16]
23 Jun (Sat)	New Orleans, La.	Pelican 42 Eclipse 24	(1) Clio, “Out-Door Sports: Base- Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 19 (3 Jul 1860), p. 293, col. 2 (letter of 24 Jun)
2 Jul (Mon)	New Orleans, La.	Feeny’s side 40 Murphy’s side 32 (Pelican BBC intra-club game)	(1) Clio, “Out-Door Sports: Base- Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 20 (10 Jul 1860), p. 309, col. 3 (letter of 10 Jul)
4 Jul (Wed)	New Orleans, La.	Empire Magnolia (scheduled) (<i>PSOT</i> : “The great match for the championship between Magnolia and Empire comes off on the Fourth.”)	(1) Clio, “Out-Door Sports: Base- Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 20 (10 Jul 1860), p. 309, col. 3 (letter of 10 Jul)
13 Jul (Fri)	New Orleans, La.	Empire 17 Magnolia 16 (6 innings, on account of the weather) (<i>PSOT</i> : “... match played ... for the Championship.”)	(1) “Out-Door Sports: Base-Ball: Base Ball in New Orleans,” <i>PSOT</i> , vol. 8, no. 22 (24 Jul 1860), p. 341, col. 2 (letter of 13 Jul)

