

Some Proven Search Terms

[] *Game Names Found in New England:* Oround ball, base, base ball, bass ball, match game, wicket, “old-cat (variations include one-old-cat, two-old-cat, and so on, depending on number of players), baste ball, batball, bat-ball, bat-and-ball, cat, long ball, goal, goal ball (gool ball), kit kat, barnball, cricket, feeder, Massachusetts base ball, o’ cat, roundstakes, run-around, scrub, soak ball, squares, stoolball, tip cat, old-fashioned base ball. Note: rounders and town ball are not commonly found in NE, based on SABR research to date.

[] *Some Game Names Found in Other US States:* bandy wicket, long ball, chermany, cuck ball, long town, round town, town ball, Philadelphia town ball.

[] *Early Names Found in England:* cat and dog, club ball, pize ball, stool ball, rounders, tip-cat, tutball, trap ball (not usually a running game).

[] *Baserunning Games Found in Other Countries, and conceivably played by some US immigrants:* brannboll (Sweden), lapta (Russia), longa meta (Hungary) longball (Denmark), theque (France), oina (Romania), palant (Poland), poisoned ball (France), schlagball (Germany), elle (Sri Lanka). See also Per Maigaard’s survey of “battingball games,” reprinted as Appendix 6 of David Block’s Baseball before We Knew It, pp. 260- 274.

29 **[] *Banned Play:* Ban, prohibit, fine, ordinance. Protoball lists about 40**
30 **local bans of ballplaying (to preserve souls and windows, often) in US**
31 **states by 1840, including 22 found in all six New England states.**

32 **[] *Some Other Common Locutions:* game of ball, ball game, match**
33 **game, play at ball, play base (but note, “prisoner’s base” was a team**
34 **form of tag, similar to today’s Capture the Flag).**

35 **[] A Very Long List of proven search terms for early childhood ballgames,**
36 **compiled at the University of Wisconsin, is found at:**
37 **<https://dare.wisc.edu/surveys/survey-results/1965-1970/childrens-games/ee11/>.**

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39 **If you have luck with other search terms, tell us and we’ll add them**
40 **here as we go.**

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