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# 18th Annual **WORLD TOURNAMENT** of Historic Base Ball®

August 14 & 15, 2021 ♦ Greenfield Village ♦ [thf.org/worldtournament](http://thf.org/worldtournament)

## **DAILY SCHEDULE**

**SATURDAY,  
AUGUST 14 &  
SUNDAY,  
AUGUST 15**  
9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

### **TOURNAMENT GAMES (SATURDAY)**

**9:30-5:00 • Walnut Grove  
#1 and #2**  
See historic base ball games  
throughout the day.

### **CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES (SUNDAY ONLY)**

**3RD CLASS CHAMPION  
12:30 • Walnut Grove #2**  
**2ND CLASS CHAMPION  
12:30 • Walnut Grove #1**  
**1ST CLASS CHAMPION  
2:30 • Walnut Grove #1**

### **AWARDS CEREMONY**

**Immediately following the  
championship game.**

**Walnut Grove #1**  
A \$300 cash prize will be  
awarded to the champion club,  
and a bag of peanuts will go  
to the club with the fewest  
victories, just as in the 1867  
World Tournament.

**Pottery prizes handcrafted by the artisans of  
Liberty Craftworks in Greenfield Village.**



# The Original **World's Base Ball Tournament**

**“World’s Base Ball Tournament, Detroit, Mich., 1867.”** So reads the advertisement for the matches that would offer a first-place prize of \$300 in greenbacks to the winner of the first class. The Detroit Base Ball Club sponsored the tournament, and it attracted teams from the United States and Canada. These teams were entered in one of three classes so that teams of similar skill might be pitted against each other.

The matches began on the grounds of the Detroit Base Ball Club on Aug. 13, 1867, with the fans paying 25 cents each and 50 cents for each vehicle that entered the property. Seats in the grandstand cost an additional fee. A fence enclosed the ball field. The Detroit Free Press reported extensively on the matches. Crowds as large as 5,000 attended over the tournament’s three days.

The Free Press stories also provided insight into the quality of the matches and activities on the field. In a game on the first day, Witherspoon, the second baseman for the Commercial Club of Detroit, was said to have “made kindling of his bat.” During the games of the second day, the Free Press described a predecessor to “Shoeless Joe” Jackson: “Marker of the Unions determined not to be outdone but

rather to outdo, and after divesting himself of shoes and stockings ... succeeded in capturing two home runs by low balls.” The game accounts also offer an insight into at least some opinions about the introduction of mitts for players. The Free Press writer commented: “We have noticed in all the matches played thus far that the use of gloves by the players was to some degree a customary practice, which we think cannot be too highly condemned and are of the opinion that the Custers would have shown a better score if there had been less buckskin on their hands.” The players couldn’t be blamed for wanting to protect their hands for defensive purposes; scores such as 41-40 and 61-32 indicate that offense ruled the diamond.

WORLD'S BASE BALL TOURNAMENT, DETROIT, MICH., 1867.	
Commencing August 13th, and continuing from day to day until all the matches are completed.	
SCHEDULE OF PRIZES.	
FIRST CLASS.	
First Prize, \$300 in Greenbacks, and a Gold Mounted Rosewood Bat, valued at \$75.....	\$375 00
Second Prize, Silver Tea Set with Urn, offered by M. S. Smith & Co., and valued at.....	250 00
Third Prize, Gold Ball, regulation size, valued at.....	50 00
SECOND CLASS.	
First Prize, \$200 in Greenbacks, and a Gold Mounted Rosewood Bat, valued at \$75.....	275 00
Second Prize, J. H. Morrison's Prize, valued at.....	150 00
Third Prize, Silver Ball, regulation size, valued at.....	25 00
THIRD CLASS.	
First Prize, \$100 in Greenbacks, and a Gold Mounted Rosewood Bat, valued at \$75.....	175 00
Second Prize, J. S. Conklin's Prize, valued at.....	100 00
Third Prize, Silver Trumpet, valued at.....	75 00
SPECIAL PRIZES.	
Best Captain, a Badge, base ball design, valued at.....	50 00
Best Catcher, a belt, mounted with Solid Silver, valued at.....	40 00
Best Pitcher, a Gold Mounted Opera Glass, valued at.....	40 00
Best Batter, a Gold Star or Badge, valued at.....	30 00
Best Runner of Bases, a Silver Mounted Opera Glass, valued at.....	25 00

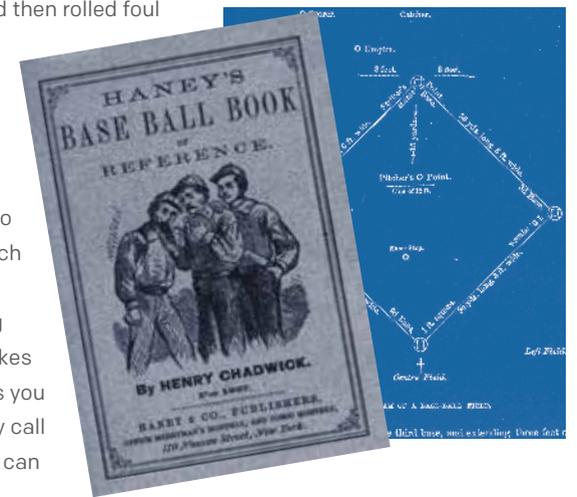


## **Base Ball** as the National Pastime

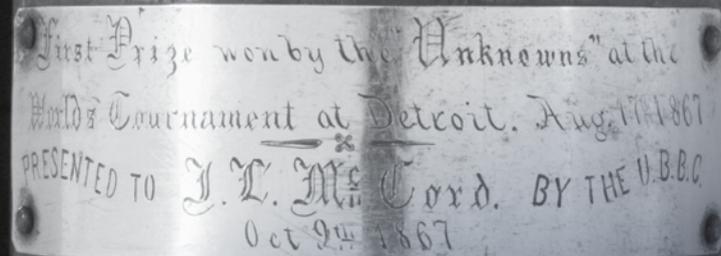
**As base ball (it was spelled as two words into the early 1900s) gained popularity in the 1850s and 1860s, its promoters remarked on the healthful and wholesome aspects of the game.** Henry Chadwick, one of base ball’s chief advocates, wrote in 1867: “What cricket is to the Englishman, base ball has become to an American.” Chadwick, the inventor of the box score and a prolific writer on all things related to base ball, explained: “As a means of cultivating the physical powers, base ball is one of the most commendable exercises in vogue. As a remedy for many of the evils resulting from the immoral associations the boys and young men of our cities are apt to become connected with, the game merits the endorsement of every clergyman in the country. But one of the strongest aids to the popularity of base ball lies in the fact that it is a game — and about the only one, by the way — which can be countenanced by the fair sex. American ladies have been hitherto shut out from all pleasures incident to games ... by the low character of the surroundings of most of the sports and pastimes men indulge in.” Chadwick was right: Base ball became the national pastime, and part of the reason was its appeal to Americans of all ages. Base ball meant America. It served as a form of exercise, entertainment and even a way for immigrants to participate in American culture. Base ball built a sense of community and still contributes to our identity as Americans.

## **Rules** for World’s Base Ball Tournament

**Base ball in the 1867 Detroit tournament would look only vaguely familiar to us today.** The game consisted of nine players and four bases, 90 feet apart, with chalk marking the foul lines. After that, the game began to stray. The pitcher was required to throw underhand, foul balls caught on the first bound put the hitter out, and a ball that first bounced fair and then rolled foul was a fair ball. Run scoring could be prolific, as players seldom wore gloves and the mitts of the day consisted of a fingerless pad that protected the palm and little else. Foul balls did not count as strikes, and the single umpire warned the hitter before he actually began calling strikes. He likewise warned the pitcher to deliver fair pitches before he called any balls. After such a warning, three balls allowed the runner to take his base, and any combination of three called or swinging strikes was an out. That rule remains today: Three strikes and you’re out, and three outs is a turn at the plate. As you watch the game, feel free to ask our players about any call that confuses you. It’s a grand old game, but one that can be confusing to modern visitors.



An 1860s diagram of the base ball diamond, found in *Haney's Base Ball Book of Reference* for 1867 by Henry Chadwick. From the collections of The Henry Ford.



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**THE TRADITION CONTINUES** this weekend as the Lah-De-Dahs and the Nationals of Greenfield Village take on vintage ball clubs from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Ohio during the 18th Annual World Tournament of Historic Base Ball.

In 1867, Detroit played host to the World's Base Ball Tournament, and 24 clubs from the United States and Canada took the field to compete in the game that was fast becoming the national pastime.

In 2021, watch teams face off on the field until only one club remains to be declared champion. Check out great hands-on base ball activities all weekend. Enjoy music by the Dodworth Saxhorn Band, and see the original rosewood trophy bat awarded to the Unknowns of Jackson, Michigan, for winning the first-class division in the 1867 World's Tournament in Detroit. View an original copy of *Haney's Base Ball Book of Reference* for 1867 (page 4), the rule book written by Henry Chadwick and used for the World Tournament and for the Greenfield Village historic base ball program, along with an array of period base ball artifacts from the mid-19th century on exhibit in our Walnut Grove field tent.

For a fun souvenir, take home a reproduction copy of *Haney's Base Ball Book of Reference* — available for sale in the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village stores.

World Tournament Champions	
2003	Clodbusters BBC
2004	Mother Nature
2005	Clodbusters BBC
2006	Clodbusters BBC
2007	Lah-De-Dahs BBC
2008	Lah-De-Dahs BBC
2009	Saginaw Old Golds
2010	Columbus Capitals
2011	Saginaw Old Golds
2012	Saginaw Old Golds
2013	Saginaw Old Golds
2014	Saginaw Old Golds
2015	Walker Tavern Wheels
2016	Lah-De-Dahs BBC
2017	Saginaw Old Golds
2018	Lah-De-Dahs BBC
2019	Canton Cornshuckers

## AUTOGRAPHS

Check out these sources on historic base ball and vintage music makers:

Vintage Base Ball Association • [vbba.org](http://vbba.org)  
 19th-Century Base Ball • [19cbaseball.com](http://19cbaseball.com)  
 Base Ball Supplies & Equipment • [vbbf.com](http://vbbf.com)

Wooden Base Ball Bats • [phoenixbats.com](http://phoenixbats.com)  
 Period Base Ball Equipment • [bulldogbatsonline.com](http://bulldogbatsonline.com)  
 Dodworth Saxhorn Band • [dodworth.org](http://dodworth.org)

## PARTICIPATING CLUBS



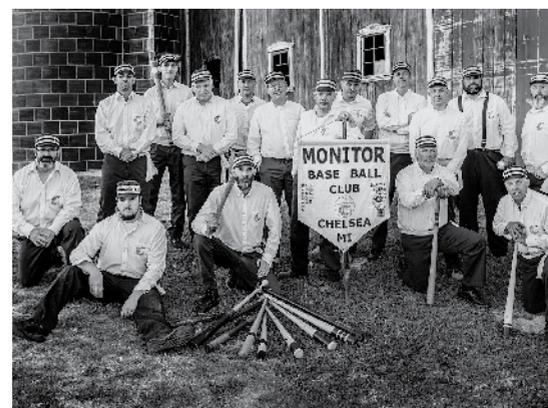
**LAH-DE-DAHs BBC**  
Dearborn, Michigan

The Greenfield Village Lah-De-Dahs, founded in 1992, borrowed their name from an amateur club that played ball in Waterford, Michigan, during the 1880s. As the sports ambassadors of Greenfield Village, they re-create base ball history every weekend of the summer for enthusiastic crowds of spectators. By challenging other vintage clubs to play by the authentic rules of 1867 in the true competitive spirit that is the legacy of our national pastime, they help to preserve the stories and traditions of America's past.



**GREENFIELD VILLAGE NATIONALS BBC**  
Dearborn, Michigan

The Nationals, founded in 2003 as the second vintage base ball club of Greenfield Village, are based on the Nationals of Parma, Michigan, one of 23 clubs that competed in the original 1867 World's Base Ball Tournament in Detroit. Together with their brother club, the Lah-De-Dahs, they play ball weekly in the historic and gentlemanly fashion of their namesakes.



**CHELSEA MONITORS BBC**  
Chelsea, Michigan

The Monitors Base Ball Club is currently playing its 11th season since resurrecting the name of one of Chelsea's original mid-19th-century clubs back in 2011. The Monitors play for the love of the game and for the excellent fellowship with our base ball brothers across the state and country. Occasionally able to string a few fine plays together and put a few tallies across, but always deeply grateful for the joyful spirit of hustle and sportsmanship shared on the field. We are thrilled to again have the opportunity to play on the hallowed grounds of Walnut Grove at Greenfield Village, and thank all the many organizers for this showcase of our beloved pastime.



**COLUMBUS CAPITALS**  
Columbus, Ohio

The Capital Base Ball Club is a team based on the original Capital Club, one of three base ball clubs formed in the spring of 1866 in downtown Columbus, Ohio. The Capitals' uniform — dark blue trousers and hat, blue-and-white checked shirt with white shield — is based on newspaper accounts of the uniforms worn by the original Capital Club. Enjoying their 21st season, the Capitals are thrilled to be returning to Greenfield Village.



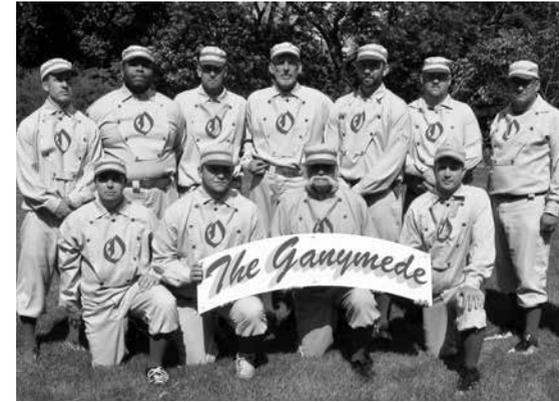
**WALKER TAVERN WHEELS BBC**  
Brooklyn, Michigan

The Walker Tavern Wheels Base Ball Club was created in 2008. The Wheels are a modern representation of numerous base ball clubs founded in Washtenaw, Lenawee and Jackson counties. The Wheels' name pays homage to the Chicago Road (U.S. 12) and to the history interpreted at Walker Tavern. The green in the uniforms represents their home in the Irish Hills.



**CANTON CORNSHUCKERS**  
Canton, Michigan

The Canton Cornshuckers are a base ball club based out of Canton, Michigan. The Cornshuckers are in their fourth season as a club. The team name is derived from Canton's early roots in agriculture. The Township of Canton was organized in 1834 and later on coined "The Sweet Corn Capital of Michigan." The club in green and yellow travels all over the Midwest filling a schedule of over 40 games. The Cornshuckers also host a handful of home matches every year held at Heritage Park in Canton.



**OREGON GANYMEDES BBC**  
Oregon, Illinois

The Ganymedes hail from the city of Oregon, located on the shores of the scenic Rock River 100 miles west of Chicago. The club's name comes from Ganymede Spring, a local mineral water spring named by the famous journalist Margaret Fuller when she visited Oregon in 1843. According to Greek mythology, Ganymede was the cupbearer to the gods on Mount Olympus. The team's gray-and-red uniforms were designed from an 1871 hometown newspaper description of the Oregon base ball club. The Ganymedes have been playing vintage rules base ball as an educational outreach program for Oregon's Chana School Museum since 2005.



**ROCKFORD ROGUES**  
Rockford, Michigan

The Rogues Base Ball Club of Rockford is based in the beautiful town of Rockford, Michigan, just north of Grand Rapids. We enjoy playing our main home matches in conjunction with Rockford's two signature town events, the Start of Summer Celebration and the Harvest Festival in the fall. Our club was formerly known as the Fallassburgh Flats for our first 15 years of existence but is now enjoying our first full season as the Rogues after being mostly sidelined last year, as many clubs were.



**FLAT ROCK BEAR CLAN BBC**  
Flat Rock, Michigan

The Flat Rock Bear Clan BBC was created in 2018. The Bear Clan is made up of gentlemen from the Downriver area who share the love of 1860s base ball. Their name is derived from one of the 12 clans of the Indian tribe known as the Wyandot, who fished the waters of Huron Park, where the Bear Clan now play their home matches. The bear represents both strength and a healing spirit.



**BLACK FLAGS OF DROVERTOWN**  
Huntington, Indiana

The Black Flags of Drovertown were formed in the 2017 season as a barnstorming club that travels to other locations to play the grand game of base ball. The club chose the name Drovertown from a township that was annexed to the city of Huntington and the name Black Flags from a Civil War group that stood for no surrender. As barnstormers, the club plays by the rules used at matches attended.



**BAY CITY INDEPENDENTS BBC**  
Bay City, Michigan

The Bay City Independents Base Ball Club is a vintage club that was formed to play 19th-century base ball in the grandest of Bay City traditions. Bay City, Michigan, can date its base ball clubs to 1865, and it is the rules of that era that the Bay City Independents Base Ball Club chooses to re-create. The modern-day Independents patterned their scarlet-and-white uniforms after those of the 1883 club. Check out the club's website: [baycitybaseball.com](http://baycitybaseball.com).



**SAGINAW OLD GOLDS BBC**  
Saginaw, Michigan

The Saginaw Old Golds were formed in 2007 by Richard Curry, Harold Campau and Thomas Mudd after they discovered the history of base ball in Saginaw in 1883-1884 as a part of the Northwestern League. The club was known as the Saginaw BBC but was nicknamed Old Golds because of its Vegas-gold collars. Every talented member of that original Old Golds team made it to the big leagues, including Hall of Fame pitcher John Clarkson.

# DAY ONE: ROUND ROBIN

Time Limit: 1 hour, 20 minutes

GAME	LOCATION	TIME	TEAMS
1	Walnut Grove #1	8:00*	Lah-De-Dahs vs. Canton Cornshuckers
2	Walnut Grove #2	8:00*	Nationals vs. Flat Rock Bear Clan
3	Walnut Grove #1	9:30	Black Flags of Drovertown vs. Saginaw Old Golds
4	Walnut Grove #2	9:30	Walker Tavern Wheels vs. Chelsea Monitors
5	Walnut Grove #1	11:00	Canton Cornshuckers vs. Bay City Independents
6	Walnut Grove #2	11:00	Flat Rock Bear Clan vs. Rockford Rogues
7	Walnut Grove #1	12:30	Black Flags of Drovertown vs. Columbus Capitals
8	Walnut Grove #2	12:30	Oregon Ganymedes vs. Chelsea Monitors
9	Walnut Grove #1	2:00	Lah-De-Dahs vs. Bay City Independents
10	Walnut Grove #2	2:00	Nationals vs. Rockford Rogues
11	Walnut Grove #1	3:30	Oregon Ganymedes vs. Walker Tavern Wheels
12	Walnut Grove #2	3:30	Saginaw Old Golds vs. Columbus Capitals

\*Please note these matches will be completed prior to Greenfield Village opening at 9:30 a.m. Due to time and field restrictions, only participants and their families will be permitted into the village for these matches.

# DAY TWO: BRACKETS

## 3RD-CLASS CHAMPION

Time Limit: 1 hour, 20 minutes.



## 2ND-CLASS CHAMPION

Time Limit: 1 hour, 20 minutes.



## 1ST-CLASS CHAMPION

Time Limit: 1 hour, 30 minutes. No time limit for final.

