

History of the Chicago Cubs 1876 – 1900

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This e-book covers the **Chicago Cubs'** first 25 years – before what is now known as the “modern era” (1901 to present).

Teams highlighted in red were either new to the NL, changed their name, or had moved from another city.

Chicago Cubs

manager: Albert Spalding

1876

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Chicago White Stockings | 52-14 | 1.76 (4) | .337 (1) | .899 (2) |
| St. Louis Brown Stockings | 45-19 | 1.22 | | .902 |
| Hartford Dark Blues | 47-21 | | | |
| Boston Red Stockings | 39-31 | | | |
| Louisville Grays | 30-36 | | | |
| NY Mutuals | 21-35 | | | |
| Philadelphia Athletics | 14-45 | | | |
| Cincinnati Reds | 9-56 | | | |

FA: 282 errors (4+/game). C Deacon White 64 errors (NY Hicks charged with 94).
2B Barnes (.910) and SS Peters (.932) led NL in FA; 3B Anson committed 50 errors.

Home: 25-6 Away: 27-8

Best: 10-0 vs. Cincinnati, 9-1 vs. Boston & Philadelphia, 7-1 vs. Philadelphia & NY

Worst: 4-6 vs. St. Louis

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | Shutouts | ERA | Comments |
|-----------------|-----|--------|----------|------|-----------|
| Albert Spalding | 529 | 46-12 | 8 | 1.75 | See below |
| Cal McVey | 59 | 6- 2 | | 1.52 | |

Spalding led NL in wins and winning percentage (.793). Other sources have him 46-6 or 47-13.

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | EBH | |
|------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|-----|---|
| 2B Ross Barnes | 322 | 126 | 138 | 1 | 59 | .404 | 36 | See below |
| 3B Cap Anson | 309 | 63 | 110 | 1 | 59 | .356 | 21 | 2 nd in RBI, 3 rd in BA |
| SS Johnny Peters | 316 | 70 | 111 | 1 | 47 | .351 | 17 | 4 th in BA |
| 1B Cal McVey | 308 | 62 | 107 | 1 | 53 | .347 | 16 | 5 th in BA. Hit safely in 30 straight games. |
| C Deacon White | 303 | 66 | 104 | 1 | 60 | .343 | 20 | 1 st in RBI |
| OF Paul Hines | 305 | 62 | 101 | 2 | 59 | .331 | 26 | Led NL in 2B (21) |
| P Al Spalding | 292 | 54 | 91 | 0 | 44 | .312 | 16 | |
| OF John Glenn | 276 | 55 | 84 | 0 | 32 | .304 | 11 | |
| OF Bob Addy | 142 | 36 | 40 | 0 | 16 | .282 | 5 | |

Team BA (.337) was NL best until 1894 (Philadelphia 2nd with .271). Club led NL in runs (624). Boston was 2nd (471).

Domination: CWS batters placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd in hits; top 4 of 5 in BA, and top 5 in RBI.

Barnes BA was adjusted from **.429**. The NL counted walks as hits in 1876.

Spalding hit .312 with 14 2Bs and 44 RBIs.

Hines collected an RBI in 12 straight games.

Hines later won the Triple Crown (HR/RBI/BA) while playing for Providence.

Jim "Deacon" White spent 1 season in Chicago, then went on to Boston where he went on to win the 1877 BA title.

White was considered the best catcher in the 1870s.

Albert Spalding: managed and pitched for the team. Pay was \$2K plus 25% of gate receipts. Record: 78-47 (.624).

He was one of many who began playing with a padded glove. Sore arm limited his play while with CWS.

Spalding became club Secretary in 1882, president and part owner. Spalding later opened and operated sporting goods store in Chicago. Later voted to Hall of Fame (Veterans Committee).

Adrian Cap Anson: 6' 200 lb. 1B. Anson served 22 of service as player/coach. Lifetime stats: 3,418 hits, .333 BA.

His number of hits has been disputed – falling between 2,971 to 3,509. He also hit 529 doubles and 97 HR in an era when seasons were shorter in length. The 1876 season was Anson's 1st of 18 hitting .300 or better.

Voted to Hall of Fame in 1939 (Veterans Committee), his 1,711 runs remain 1st on Cubs' all-time list.

Cubs' All-time list: 1st in runs (1,722), hits (3012), and 2B (529); 2nd in BA (.331), games (2,277), AB (9,104), and 3B (124)

Ross Barnes: his .429 BA aided by the fair/foul rule. With adjustments, his BA reduced to a still impressive .404.

Best CWS BA until 1893. Barnes led NL in hits (138), runs (126), 2B (21), 3B (14), Total Bases (190), Slugging Average (.590), and FA at 2B.

Barnes previously played on Rockford City club with Anson. Barnes' BA was ML's best until 1887.

Club:

2/2 **Chicago White Stockings Base Ball Club** was created.

Stockings and 7 other teams joined to comprise the new National League. Club was commonly called *the Whites*.

William Hulbert served as club president (1876-82).

- Team played 2 years at **State Street Grounds** (aka **23rd Street Grounds**)- same site NA club played (Capacity: 1,500). Attendance: 65,441
- From 7/20-7/27: Club scored **ML-record 88 runs in 4 games**. Cal McVey collected 17 hits in the 4-game span (see below).
- Sultan of Turkey was a visitor to CWS game while he toured the country
- Former Chicago P George Zettlein (of the old NA) pitched for Philadelphia.

Season:

4/25: **Beat Louisville** 4-0 (Spalding 3-hitter). NL's 1st shutout.

4/27: **Beat Louisville 10-0** (Spalding).

5/2: **Beat Cincinnati and William Cherokee Fisher** 15-9.

Barnes (2 SB, 3 hits, 4 runs scored) hit NL's 1st HR – inside the park. Reds' Charley Jones also homered.

5/5: **Lost to St. Louis and George Bradley** 1-0 (Spalding). CWS's 1st loss of season. Lone run was unearned.

5/10: **Beat Cincinnati** 6-0 (Spalding).

5/25: **Lost to Hartford** 4-1 (Spalding). Anson and Ferguson pulled off the hidden ball trick.

5/30: **Beat Boston** 5-1. Largest crowd to date (take your pick: 14K-30K) attended.

6/27: **Lost to Philadelphia** 14-13; club led 13-10 into 9th. Phil's Davey Force went 6-6.

7/4: **Lost to Hartford** 3-0.

7/11: **Beat Boston** 18-7.

7/15: **Beat Boston** 15-0.

7/20: **Beat Louisville** 18-0.

7/22: **Beat Louisville** 30-7. Club collected 31 hits. McVey 6-7/2B. Louisville P John Ryan tossed 10 wild pitches.

7/25: **Beat Cincinnati** 23-3. McVey 6-7/2B. CWS collected 26 hits.

7/27: **Beat Cincinnati** 17-3. Barnes 6-6/2B & 3B. CWS totaled 23 hits (21 singles).

8/1: **Beat Louisville** 15-7.

8/8: **Beat Cincinnati** 13-3.

8/12: **Beat Cincinnati** 5-0. McVey pitched, played 1B, and later caught.

8/17: **Lost to St. Louis and George Bradley** 3-0 – Bradley's 15th of 16 shutouts.

8/21: **Forfeited game to St. Louis** on disputed call in 9th inning. Batted ball hit St. Louis runner as he approached home; Spalding claimed interference but lost argument (umpire ruled it accidental contact). CWS was behind 7-6 at time.

8/22: **Beat St. Louis** 12-2.

8/26: **Beat St. Louis** 23-3. Anson committed 5 errors but collected 4 hits.

9/22: **Beat Boston** 12-10, scoring 2 runs in the 9th.

9/26: **Beat Hartford** 7-6 (McVey). CWS clinched pennant.

League:

- **National League** originated on December 17, 1875 – with Hulbert and Spalding forming a league constitution.

Prior to 1880, players customarily signed 1-year contracts and could sign on with another club the following year.

Civil war vet **Morgan Bulkeley** served as NL's 1st president.

RULE: Players could move up a base if fly was caught in foul ground.

RULE: Fair/foul: Infield balls landing fair then rolling foul were considered fair. Rule changed prior to 1877 season.

RULE: No substitutions after the 4th inning.

- **Season:** 70-game schedule. Each team was to play 10 games vs. each opponent.

Boston was only club to play full 70G schedule.

- **Spalding Company** provided NL with baseballs.

- The **curveball** was already in use.

Pitchers could throw sidearm until 1884 and take short run prior to pitching. Distance to plate was 45'.

- A stance perhaps perfected by CWS catcher Deacon White: with 0 men on base and less than 2 strikes, catcher stood well behind plate (10-15') and caught the ball on the bounce.

- Captains of visiting teams were allowed to choose among **designated hometown umpires**. Through 1882, umpires were paid \$5/game.
- If ball entered the stands, fans were required to return ball quickly or delay game.

4/22: **1st NL game**: Boston Quakers beat Philadelphia 6-5.

5/13: Hartford defeated NY 28-3.

6/14: Boston (24) vs. St Louis (16). Both teams combined to commit ML-record 40 errors.

- **Fielding** was still an art, not a science – Louisville averaged 7 errors/game; NY committed 473 errors (8+ game).
- **Cincinnati** lost 18 games in a row. A great team 6 years earlier, Reds established 2nd worst record ever (worst: 1899).
- **Philadelphia** club lasted 1 year. Another franchise entered NL in 1883.
- St. Louis P **George Bradley** (45-19) led NL in shutouts (16), ERA (1.23) and fewest hits per 9 innings. Bradley pitched for CWS in 1877 but did poorly.
- Once season ended, Hulbert terminated **NY Mutuals** and **Philadelphia** franchises for avoiding late season travel – choosing instead to play exhibitions or final games at home to increase revenue. Both clubs claimed they could not afford travel west.
- **George Bechtel** was expelled from Louisville for throwing games and for offering bribes.
- Cincinnati P William “Cherokee” Fisher was a POW at the nefarious Confederate prison at Andersonville.
- Final year for Philadelphia P **Dick McBride**. McBride served with a military company from Pennsylvania during the Civil War.

Chicago Cubs

1877

manager: Albert Spalding

| Standings: | | ERA | BA | FA |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Boston Red Stockings | 42-18 | 2.15 | .314 | |
| Louisville Grays | 35-25 | | | .904 |
| Hartford (Brooklyn) | 31-27 | | | |
| St. Louis Brown Stockings | 28-32 | | | |
| Chicago White Stockings | 26-33 | 3.37 (5) | .278 (3) | .883 (5) |
| Cincinnati Reds | 15-42 | | | |

FA: 313 errors; OF Glenn (.948) and P Bradley (.950) each led NL in FA.

Home: 17-12 Away: 9-21

Best: Cincinnati 8-3, St. Louis 8-4

Worst: Boston 2-10, Hartford & Louisville 4-8.

| Pitching | IP | Record | ERA | Comments |
|----------------|-----|--------|------|---------------------------------|
| George Bradley | 394 | 18-23 | 3.31 | Lost 40 games with Troy in 1879 |
| Cal McVey | 92 | 4- 8 | 4.50 | |
| Laurie Reis | 36 | 3- 1 | 0.75 | |

Bradley, a 49 game-winner in 1876 (16 by shutout), lasted 1 year with CWS.

Later went on to Troy and pitched for the Union League in 1884.

Bradley pitched 88 consecutive innings for the club until McVey replaced him on 7/13.

Spalding suffered a lame arm and was unable to throw – played IF/OF.

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | EBH | |
|----------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|-----|--|
| C Cal McVey | 266 | 58 | 98 | 0 | 36 | .368 | 16 | 3 rd in BA |
| 3B Cap Anson | 255 | 52 | 86 | 0 | 32 | .337 | 20 | Led NL in 2B (19), 5 th in BA |
| OF J. Peters | 265 | 45 | 84 | 0 | 41 | .317 | 13 | 2 nd in RBIs |
| OF Paul Hines | 261 | 44 | 73 | 0 | 23 | .280 | 18 | |
| 2B Ross Barnes | 92 | 16 | 25 | 0 | 5 | .272 | 1 | |
| OF Dave Egger | 136 | 20 | 36 | 0 | 20 | .265 | 3 | |
| 1B Al Spalding | 254 | 29 | 65 | 0 | 35 | .256 | 13 | |
| P G. Bradley | 214 | 31 | 52 | 0 | 12 | .243 | 10 | |
| OF John Glenn | 202 | 31 | 46 | 0 | 20 | .228 | 7 | |

Club: 4th in runs (633). CWS was only NL team to *not* HR.

Trades: P George Bradley from St. Louis. C Deacon White (to Boston).

Injuries: Barnes, Spalding (arm)

Club:

- Attendance: 46,454
- From May through September, 2B Ross Barnes suffered muscular disorder (ague; possible malaria-like sickness). Club cut his salary from \$2,500 to \$1,500 due to his illness. Barnes later sued but failed to recover.
- Spalding began publishing his *Spalding Guide*.
- CWS dominated Cincinnati. Winning scores included 21-7, 15-1, 13-1, 13-9, 12-5, 12-7, 11-6, and 10-3.
- Boston pulverized CWS pitching – winning by scores of 18-4, 18-9, 13-5, 11-9, 9-7, and 8-3.

Season:

5/8: **Beat Hartford** 6-5. Barnes 2-4.

5/12: **Lost to Boston** 18-9. CWS committed 21 errors to Boston's 11.

5/22: **Beat St. Louis** 4-2 (Bradley)

6/5: **Beat Cincinnati** 12-5 (Bradley). Spalding's last start – was unable to retire 1st 5 batters.

6/26: **Beat St. Louis** 11-0.

7/4: **Beat Boston** 12-2 before an overflow crowd in Chicago.

7/13: **Beat Hartford** 6-3 (McVey)

8/2: **Beat Cincinnati** 15-1.
8/6: **Beat Louisville** 7-2. Win broke Grays 6 game winning streak.
8/7: **Beat Cincinnati** 21-7; CWS scored 13 runs in 2nd inning. Peters went 5-7.
8/9: **Beat Cincinnati** 13-9.

9/22: **Lost to Hartford** 11-9.
10/2: **Beat Cincinnati** 13-1.

League:

White Stockings' president **William Hulbert** succeeded **Morgan Bulkeley** as NL's 2nd president – giving club operations over to Albert Spalding.
Hulbert's chief demand was integrity of game. Hulbert entered Hall of Fame in 1995; died at 49

RULE: Foul balls caught on the bounce *were an out* until 1883.

RULE: Fair/foul: Ball landing fair but rolled foul was now ruled a *foul ball*.

CWS' Barnes had been adept at bunting a ball fair for a hit, despite it rolling foul.

RULE: A walk was counted as a hit.

RULE: Wild pitches and passed balls were counted as errors.

RULE: Home team submitted names of 3 approved local men as candidates prior to game.

Visiting player would choose umpire by picking his name out of a hat.

- **New NL policy:** players were charged \$30 for uniforms.
Food money for away games was 50c/day and was deducted from their salaries.
 - Before 1878, NL would only accept franchises in cities with populations greater than 75,000.
 - Each team to play a 60-game schedule.
 - NL used baseballs manufactured by Spalding's goods company.
 - **Catcher's masks** were introduced. Catchers previously wore a simple mouth guard.
 - P Tommy Bond won pitcher's Triple Crown.
 - Boston OF H Schafer with .621 FA
 - Powerful International League (aka IL) was formed.
 - Post season moves: Hartford (.619 in 2 years), St. Louis (.589 in 2 years) and Cincinnati left the League.
Hartford Dark Blues played home games at Brooklyn's Union Grounds.
Cincinnati club committed 394 errors in 58G (.851) – almost 7/game
 - **Cincinnati's** games were thrown out 2 months after season ended – hadn't paid \$100 dues. Club disbanded.
 - **Louisville** began season 27-12, but Boston won 13 of their last 15 games to win pennant.
Louisville OF **George Bechtel** was suspended for drunkenness – later banned for attempting to bribe NY Mutual player.
- Four "**Louisville Crooks**" were banned for life for conspiring to throw the pennant to Boston.
The Grays players were approached by gamblers and conspired to lose 3 ½ game lead on August 13th with 12 left to play.
Club lost every game on road trip.
P **Jim Devlin** pitched all innings for his team. He was one of 4 expelled for suspicious play at end of season.
Three of the four involved (P **Devlin**, 3B **Al Nichols**, and SS **Bill Craver**) confessed; OF **George Hall** did not.
All were expelled for throwing non-league games vs. Cincinnati, Indianapolis, and Hartford of NL.
Craver was already saddled with shady reputation while playing for the Troy Haymakers years earlier.

First Year: Orator Shaffer, P Will White

Chicago Cubs

manager: Bob Ferguson

1878

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|------|----------|
| Boston Red Stockings | 41-19 | | .914 | |
| Cincinnati Reds | 37-23 | 1.84 | | |
| Providence Grays | 33-27 | | | |
| Chicago White Stockings | 30-30 | 2.37 (4) | .290 | .891 (5) |
| Indianapolis Blues | 24-36 | | | |
| Milwaukee Grays | 15-45 | | | |

FA: 304 errors; OF J. Remsen in FA (.944); C Harbridge, P Larkin, SS Ferguson, OF Cassidy each led NL positions in errors.
Home: 17-18 Away: 13-12
Best: Milwaukee 10-2, Indianapolis 8-4.
Worst: Cincinnati 2-10, Boston 4-8.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|--------------|-----|--------|------|---|
| Terry Larkin | 506 | 29-26 | 2.24 | 2 nd in CG, IP and games; 3 rd in strikeouts and wins |

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | EBH | |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|-----|---|
| SS Bob Ferguson | 259 | 44 | 91 | 0 | 39 | .351 | 12 | 3 rd in BA, 4 th in RBI |
| 1B Joe Start | 285 | 58 | 100 | 1 | 27 | .351 | 18 | See below |
| OF Cap Anson | 261 | 55 | 89 | 0 | 40 | .341 | 14 | |
| C Bill Harbridge | 240 | 32 | 71 | 0 | 37 | .296 | 12 | |
| P Terry Larkin | 226 | 33 | 65 | 0 | 32 | .288 | 13 | |
| 3B Frank Hankinson | 240 | 38 | 64 | 1 | 38 | .267 | 12 | |
| OF John Cassidy | 256 | 29 | 68 | 0 | 29 | .266 | 8 | |
| OF Jack Remsen | 224 | 32 | 52 | 1 | 19 | .232 | 13 | |
| 2B Bill McClellan | 205 | 26 | 46 | 0 | 29 | .224 | 7 | |

Club led NL in runs (371) and hits.

OF Joe "Old Reliable Start: 1st in hits, 2nd in runs, and 3rd in BA
Anson played left field

Changes:

P **Terry Larkin** and 1B **Joe Start** came from Hartford Blues. IF/OF **Cal McVey** went to Cincinnati.
OF **Paul Hines** sent to Providence Grays. Hines put up impressive numbers for the Grays through 1885.
Joe Start & Bob Ferguson were teammates on the Brooklyn Atlantics – the team that defeated the powerful Cincinnati Reds 8-7, stopping the latter's 130-game winning streak.
Switch-hitting player/manager **Ferguson** was given colorful nickname "Death to Flying Things."

Club:

- **New stadium:** Club played at **Lakefront Park** (Michigan & Randolph IC tracks) for 7 years –same site as first Lakefront Park. Site was CWS' home until end of 1884 season.
Park held 3,000 with private boxes and included bicycle track that bordered the outfield.
LF fence was so short that balls hit over were ruled doubles or home runs on alternating years.
Field was bumpy and uneven – littered with stones, boulders, ashes, glass & broken bottles – refuse that was buried following the Chicago Fire 7 years earlier.
- Attendance: 58,691.
- Ferguson previously coached Hartford.
- Spalding played in 1 game, then turned energies over to sporting goods and annual editions of the Spalding Guide – forerunner to *The Sporting News*.
- CWS went 22-6 in June/July but faltered in August/September (4-15).
- From 6/6 – 7/31 (25 games), CWS went 19-6, scoring 8 runs or more 16 times.
- From 8/1 to end of season (20 games), CWS went 5-15, scoring 3 runs or less 12 times and were shut out 4 times.

9/2: Club played a benefit game for yellow-fever victims in Memphis, TN. Spalding pitched but team lost to Boston 10-5.

Season:

- 5/1: **Beat Indianapolis** 5-4.
5/6: **Beat Indianapolis** 3-1.
5/14: **Lost to Indianapolis** 5-3. First game at club's new park.
5/20: **Beat Indianapolis** 3-1 (Larkin 1-hitter).
- 6/6: **Beat Providence** 17-10.
6/12: **Beat Milwaukee** 1-0 in 10 on odd double play: CF to catcher to OF John Cassidy.
6/15: **Beat Milwaukee** 12-2.
6/22: **Beat Milwaukee** 14-3.
6/27: **Beat Boston** 16-5. Joe Start went 5-6.
- 7/4: **Beat Providence** 15-7.
7/6: **Beat Providence** 16-4.
7/15: **Beat Milwaukee** 14-8.
- 7/16: **Beat Milwaukee** 17-10.
7/29: **Beat Indianapolis** 12-9.
7/30: **Beat Indianapolis** 13-3.
- 8/15: **Beat Providence and P John Ward** 17-3 (Reis).
8/21: **Beat Cincinnati** 7-4.
8/31: **Lost to Boston** 5-2. Spalding committed 4 errors at 2B.
- 9/4: **Lost to Providence and Monty Ward** 9-0 (Reis). Ward threw 4-hitter.
9/23: **Lost to Indianapolis** 9-7. Home umpire Joseph Julian escaped angry Chicago fans after the game.

League:

RULE: Nine balls to walk a batter, not 3.

- Three new NL entries: **Providence Grays, Milwaukee Cream City Grays, and Indianapolis Hoosiers**.
Milwaukee and Indianapolis teams lasted 1 year.
 - Milwaukee team suffered 14G losing streak. Another Indianapolis franchise surfaced in 1887.
 - Grays OF **Paul Hines** was NL's 1st Triple Crown winner (4/50, .358).
Hines' BA crown was in dispute with Milwaukee's **Abner Dalrymple** (.354)
- Former CWS OF **Paul Hines** completed an unassisted triple while playing for Providence.
Teammate **Dick Higham** was benched for suspicious play.
Higham's reputation and underhanded activity led to his expulsion while serving as an umpire for the AA in 1882.
- Independent Buffalo Bisons' featured P **Pud Galvin**. Galvin's 1878 record (72-25) included 96 complete games, pitching approximately 900 innings. Galvin went 10-5 vs. NL teams

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1879

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Providence Grays | 59-25 | 2.18 | .314 | |
| Boston Red Stockings | 54-30 | | | .913 |
| Buffalo Bisons | 46-32 | | | |
| Chicago White Stockings | 46-33 | 2.46 (5) | .276 (4) | .900 (4) |
| Cincinnati Reds | 43-37 | | | |
| Cleveland Blues | 27-55 | | | |
| Syracuse Stars | 22-48 | | | |
| Troy Trojans | 19-56 | | | |

FA: 381 errors; 1B Anson (.975), 2B Quest lead NL in FA (.925); SS Peters and OF Dalrymple lead positions in errors.

Home: 29-13 Away: 17-20

Best: Syracuse 8-1, Troy 8-3, Boston & Cleveland 8-4.

Worst: Cincinnati 3-8, Providence 5-7.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA |
|-----------------|-----|--------|------|
| Terry Larkin | 513 | 31-23 | 2.44 |
| Frank Hankinson | 231 | 15-10 | 2.50 |

Larkin's heavy drinking made him expendable at end of season.

His career flamed out in 1880 (0-5 with Troy) and only worsened: he later suffered mental instability, attempted to kill his wife in 1883, and reportedly committed suicide in 1894.

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | EBH | |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|-----|---------------------------------|
| 1B Cap Anson | 227 | 40 | 90 | 0 | 34 | .396 | 21 | Struck out twice in 227 AB? |
| OF Orator Shafer | 316 | 53 | 96 | 0 | 35 | .304 | 13 | |
| 3B Ned Williamson | 320 | 66 | 94 | 1 | 36 | .294 | 34 | |
| OF Abner Dalrymple | 333 | 47 | 97 | 0 | 23 | .291 | 26 | 2 nd in doubles (25) |
| C Silver Flint | 324 | 46 | 92 | 1 | 41 | .284 | 29 | |
| OF George Gore | 266 | 43 | 70 | 0 | 32 | .263 | 21 | |
| SS Johnny Peters | 379 | 45 | 93 | 1 | 31 | .245 | 16 | |
| P Terry Larkin | 228 | 26 | 50 | 0 | 18 | .219 | 14 | |
| 2B Joe Quest | 334 | 38 | 69 | 0 | 22 | .207 | 17 | |

Club lead league in doubles and were 4th in runs.

Trades: From Indianapolis:

3B **Ned Williamson** spent 1879-89 with CWS, then jumped to join Chicago Unions of the Players League in 1890.

Williamson lead NL 3B in assists 7 times, FA 5 times, double plays 6 times, and putouts twice.

C **Frank "Silver" Flint** was known for catching pitches on the fly without the use of a glove.

OF **Orator Shafer's** 50 outfield assists is an ML record.

2B **Joe Quest** led NL in fielding twice (1879, 1881).

IF **Ross Barnes** went to Cincinnati.

- Two standout OFs: rookie **George Gore** and **Abner Dalrymple** (from Milwaukee). Both played with club through 1886. Gore's career: .306 BA, 1,653 hits. On **Cubs 'All-time list**: 8th in BA (.308)
Dalrymple (1879-1886) led NL in BA 1878. Liability in the outfield, Dalrymple's FA in 1879 was .728.

Club:

- Attendance: 67,687
- Albert Spalding** became club GM. A fierce advocate of sobriety. Players less disposed to his philosophy were traded away.
- Cap Anson**, the only hold-over from the 1876 team, moved from 3B to 1B. This marked Anson's 1st of 19 years managing the club. Career record of 1,296-947 or 1,283-932 (.579). As manager, Anson was adept at acquiring best players from other leagues.

- **P Terry Larkin** was hit in face by line drive.
- Club began 23-4 (14-1 in May) and were in 1st place in early August. Between 5/20 – 5/31, CWS went 6-0 vs. Boston. Team went into an 11-21 tailspin at the end (4-12 in September).
- 6/2: Worcester **P Lee “Ruby Legs” Richmond** tossed 7-inning 11-0 no-hitter vs. CWS. Worcester was minor league team in 1879.

Season: Following games were pitched by Larkin unless noted otherwise.

- 5/1: **Beat Syracuse** 4-3.
- 5/6: **Beat Troy** 12-1.
- 5/10: **Beat Troy** 15-8
- 5/13: **Lost to Providence** 14-5. After 6 straight wins, 1st loss of season. Club went on to win next 9 games.
- 5/28: **Beat Boston** 6-0.
- 5/30: **Beat Boston** 8-0.
- 6/7: **Beat Providence** 12-0.
- 6/12: **Beat Troy** 13-3.
- 6/14: **Lost to Troy** 10-9.
- 7/5: **Beat Boston** 14-6.
- 7/11: **Beat Syracuse** 8-2 (Hankinson) scoring 7 runs in 8th inning.
- 7/15: **Beat Troy** 11-0 (Hankinson).
- 7/22: **Beat Providence** 8-7.
- 8/7: **Beat Buffalo** 3-2, scoring all 3 runs in 9th inning.
- 8/13: **Beat Cincinnati** 9-0 by forfeit. Cincinnati refused to play on own field due to poor conditions.
- 9/9: **Lost to Boston** 10-0. **No-hitter by Tommy Bond**. Win was also Bond’s 11th shutout of season.
- 9/17: **Lost to Troy** 5-4. Due to injuries, CWS borrowed Troy player Herm Doscher.

League:

RULE: Walk required 9 balls; amended in 1880.

RULE: Batting order rules were instituted and followed.

- NL raised schedule to 84 games.
- **Pitchers box** reduced to 4’ in width (from 6’ wide)
Pitchers were fined for hitting batters.
- **The umpire** called pitches strike, ball, or foul.
 - Batters with 2 strikes were called out if the foul ball was caught on the 1st bounce.
 - Until 1883, the *visiting team* was tasked to pay the umpire’s fees and expenses.
 - NL came up with 20 umpire candidates living in or near the home team’s city.
- The following teams were added: Cleveland Blues, Buffalo Bisons, Troy Trojans, and Syracuse Stars.
Gone: Milwaukee and Syracuse folded at seasons end. Cincinnati Reds folded but re-organized for 1880 season.
Buffalo franchise came from powerful **International League**. The team went 10-7 vs. NL squads in 1878.
Bisons included future 300-game winner Pud Galvin (361-308). Galvin went 35-41 vs CWS.

Reserve clause:

Introduced secretly by Boston Braves owner **Arthur Soden**, the reserve clause allowed each team to “protect” 5 players – thereby making them unavailable to other clubs.

In short: A player could negotiate only with one club – most likely the current one that listed him on the “reserve list.”

- Other clubs could not tamper with a reserved player by offering him a more attractive salary.
- Unless his contract was sold, traded, or terminated, the player remained reserved forever, even after he had formally retired from the game.
- Clause was intentionally one-sided. Owners were able to set salary levels and eliminate player’s freedom of movement.
- The clause survived the formation of start-up leagues (Players League) and unions, and was even protected by the Supreme Court until a landmark ruling by an arbiter in 1975 eliminated it.

6/21: 1B **William Edward White** of Providence Grays was believed to be the 1st black to play in ML. White played only 1 game.

First Year: Dan Brouthers, P **Pud Galvin**,

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1880

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|------|------|
| Chicago White Stockings | 67-17 | 1.93 (3) | .279 | .913 |
| Providence Grays | 52-32 | 1.64 | | |
| Cleveland Blues | 47-37 | | | |
| Troy Trojans | 41-42 | | | |
| Worcester Ruby Legs | 40-43 | | | |
| Boston Red Stockings | 40-44 | | | |
| Buffalo Bisons | 24-58 | | | |
| Cincinnati Reds | 21-59 | | | |

FA: 329 errors; first of 3 times in 19th century club lead in FA; Anson (.977), 3B Williamson (.893), C Flint (.932) lead in FA
OF King Kelly: .779 FA (23 errors in 104 chances); .820 FA as an outfielder (1 error ever 5 ½ chances), .892 as a catcher.

Home: 37-5 Away: 30-12

Best: Buffalo 11-1, Cincinnati, Troy, Worcester 10-2, Boston & Providence 9-3, and Cleveland 8-4.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | Shutouts | ERA | |
|----------------|-----|--------|----------|------|----------------------------------|
| Larry Corcoran | 536 | 43-14 | 3 | 1.95 | |
| Fred Goldsmith | 210 | 22- 3 | | 1.75 | Goldsmith 4 th in ERA |
| Tom Poorman | 15 | 2- 0 | | 2.40 | |

The 21-year-old rookie **Larry Corcoran** (1880-85) was ambidextrous, and at 5'3", weighed all of 127 lbs.

Corcoran was one of the first players in baseball that was noted for using signs of any kind -

By moving the wad of tobacco in his mouth to one side or the other, Corcoran indicated location of his next pitch.

Corcoran's 175-85 record with Chicago included 3 no-hitters. The 175 wins are 4th on **Cubs All-Time list**.

His .673 winning percentage is 7th highest in ML (minimum 200 decisions).

Corcoran's 13 straight wins were ML record that lasted 4 years.

Like many of his peers, Corcoran's life was short - he died in 1891 at the age of 32.

Fred Goldsmith (107-62) was with Troy in 1879. Either he or Candy Cummings invented the curveball.

| Top Hitters: | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | EBH | |
|-------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|-----|---|
| CF George Gore | 322 | 70 | 116 | 2 | 47 | .360 | 27 | 1 st in BA and Slugging (.463) |
| 1B Cap Anson | 356 | 54 | 120 | 1 | 74 | .337 | 26 | 2 nd in BA |
| OF Dalrymple | 382 | 91 | 126 | 0 | 36 | .330 | 37 | 4 th in BA; see below |
| SS Tommy Burns | 333 | 47 | 103 | 0 | 43 | .309 | 20 | |
| OF/C Mike Kelly | 344 | 72 | 100 | 1 | 60 | .291 | 27 | |
| 3B Ned Williamson | 311 | 65 | 78 | 0 | 31 | .251 | 22 | |
| 2B Joe Quest | 300 | 37 | 71 | 0 | 27 | .237 | 13 | |
| P Larry Corcoran | 286 | 41 | 66 | 0 | 25 | .231 | 12 | |
| C Silver Flint | 284 | 30 | 46 | 0 | 17 | .162 | 14 | |

Club: 1st in runs (538), hits and 2B (164).

Gore stole 7 bases in 1 game and scored 5+ runs 5 times

Dalrymple lead NL in total bases (175), hits, runs, 2nd in doubles (25) and triples (12); solid leadoff hitter.

Burns was considered best all-around SS at the time.

Trades: Mike "King" Kelly. From Cincinnati, Kelly's career stats: .308 BA, 1,813 hits. With CWS: .316 in 681G, Kelly was most the popular Cub during 1880-86. Posters of "Slide Kelly Slide" was also song. Kelly was a notorious late-nighter. Known for his colorful personality both on and off the field, he was the 1st catcher to use signals, and as a batter, developed the hit and run. Later named to the MLB **Hall of Fame** (1945)

Apocryphal or not, Kelly was known for running from 1st to 3rd base or straight home from 2nd (not touching the bases between) when the umpire's back was turned. Kelly's .316 BA is 7th on the **Cubs' All-time list**.

Rookies: SS **Tommy Burns** spent 12 years with Chicago (.266 BA, 1,299 hits).

Club:

- Attendance: 66,708.
- Club's winning percentage (.798) is best in ML history.

- Two lengthy winning streaks: From 5/5 – 5/27, 13 games; from 6/2-7/8, **ML record** 21 games. All games in 2nd streak were played at home. The 1935 Cubs also had a 21-game winning streak.
- Anson instituted a pitching rotation – alternating the pitchers.
- In addition to the streaks, club included (2) 20-game winners, and 4 of top 5 hitters.

Season:

- 5/1: **Beat Cincinnati** 4-3 (Corcoran). Kelly homered. CWS scored 2 runs in 9th on Quest's single.
 5/7: **Beat Cincinnati** 20-7 (Corcoran). Gore 6-6 with 5 runs scored. Club scored 10 runs in 1st inning.
 5/10: **Beat Cincinnati** 15-1 (Corcoran)
 5/27: **Beat Buffalo** 11-0 (Goldsmith 2-hitter). CWS' 13th straight win.
 5/29: **Lost to Boston** 11-0 (Corcoran) Streak over.
- 6/4: **Tied Providence** 1-1. CWS Corcoran and Grays' Ward went full 16 innings.
 6/26: **Beat Worcester** 4-0 (Goldsmith)
- 7/8: **Beat Providence** 5-4 (Corcoran). CWS' **21st straight win**. Win brought record to 35-3.
 7/10: **Lost to Cleveland** 2-0 (Goldsmith) on disputed HR by Fred Dunlap.
 7/13: **Beat Cleveland** 3-0. (Corcoran's 13th straight win)
- 8/5: **Beat Boston** 3-0 (Corcoran 2-hitter).
 8/12: **Lost to Providence** 6-4 (Corcoran). CWS 1st loss at home.
 8/17: **Beat Boston** 14-6 (Corcoran)
 8/19: **Beat Boston** 6-0 (Corcoran's 2nd no-hitter). CWS committed 4 errors; Gore collected 4 hits.
- 9/1: **DH vs. Troy**. G1: **Won 1-0**. G2: **Lost 5-1**. Corcoran pitched both games.
 9/15: **Beat Cincinnati** 5-2 (Corcoran). CWS clinched pennant.
 9/22: **Beat Cincinnati** 5-3 (Goldsmith)
 9/30: **Beat Buffalo** 10-8. Rookie Charlie Guth's only ML win.

League:

RULE: **Walk** was now 8 balls (reduced from 9). Number would change often during decade.

RULE: For a batter to be **called out on strikes**, the pitch must be caught without having bounced.

RULE: If **home team** held the lead after the top of the 9th, they were no longer required to bat in the bottom of the inning.

RULE: It was not an automatic HR if the ball was hit over the fence – it depended on the park's ground rules.

- Catchers such as Buck Ewing began the customary squatting position behind home plate.
- Two new pitches were introduced: **the screwball** (aka fadeaway) and **the knuckleball**. Both would be improved upon in the early 1900s.
- The **Batting Average** was introduced to measure a hitter's success.
- NL added the **Worcester Ruby Legs** (1880-82).
- Washington** franchise was denied NL membership.
- George Wright** illegally jumped from the Providence club to play for Boston.
- Troy club included (2) future 300+ game winners: rookie **Tim Keefe** (342-225) and **Mickey Welch** (307-210). Neither did well vs. CWS. Keefe went 26-35 and Welch 34-41.

8/28: **Cincinnati** committed 9 errors in 4th inning vs. Troy.

Post-season fallout: **Cincinnati franchise was expelled** from NL by Hulbert for not obeying the rules (i.e. Reds sold beer and leased the park for Sunday play). The club disbanded then later reorganized.

Two well-known rowdies on the same team: **Archie Latham** and **Charles Comiskey** both played for St. Louis of the AA. Comiskey was known to run up and down 3rd base line insulting and swearing at the opposition.

First Year: C Buck Ewing, 1B Roger Connor, P Tim Keefe, P Mickey Welch

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1881

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Chicago White Stockings | 56-28 | 2.43 (2) | .295 (1) | .915 (2) |
| Providence Grays | 47-37 | 2.40 | | |
| Buffalo Bisons | 45-38 | | | |
| Detroit Wolverines | 41-43 | | | |
| Troy Trojans | 39-45 | | | .917 |
| Boston Red Stockings | 38-45 | | | |
| Cleveland Blues | 36-48 | | | |
| Worcester Ruby Legs | 32-50 | | | |

FA: 309 errors; 1B Anson (.975), and 3B Williamson (.909); SS Burns lead position in errors (52).

Home: 32-10 Away: 24-18

Best: Boston 10-2, Providence & Worcester 9-3, Troy 8-4, Buffalo & Detroit 7-5.

Worst: Cleveland 6-6.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | Shutouts | ERA | |
|----------------|-----|--------|----------|------|-----------------------------|
| Larry Corcoran | 397 | 31-14 | | 2.31 | 1 st in wins |
| Fred Goldsmith | 330 | 25-13 | 5 | 2.59 | 3 rd in shutouts |

Staff lead league in fewest runs allowed (379).

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | EBH | |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|-----|--|
| 1B Cap Anson | 343 | 67 | 137 | 1 | 82 | .399 | 26 | See below |
| OF Abner Dalrymple | 362 | 72 | 117 | 1 | 37 | .323 | 27 | 2 nd in hits |
| OF/C Mike Kelly | 353 | 84 | 114 | 2 | 55 | .323 | 32 | 1 st in doubles (28), 3 rd in RBIs |
| C Silver Flint | 306 | 46 | 95 | 1 | 34 | .310 | 19 | |
| OF George Gore | 309 | 86 | 92 | 1 | 44 | .298 | 28 | |
| SS Tommy Burns | 342 | 41 | 95 | 4 | 42 | .278 | 27 | |
| 3B Ned Williamson | 343 | 56 | 92 | 1 | 48 | .268 | 19 | |
| 2B Joe Quest | 293 | 35 | 72 | 1 | 26 | .246 | 7 | |
| P Fred Goldsmith | 158 | 24 | 38 | 0 | 16 | .241 | 7 | |
| P Larry Corcoran | 189 | 25 | 42 | 0 | 9 | .222 | 8 | |

Club led NL in runs (550), hits, 2B (157) and Slugging (.390).

Anson lead league in BA, RBIs, Total Bases (175), hits, and Slugging (.510)

Club:

- Attendance: 82,000.
- Players wore new lavender uniforms for 6/24 game.
- Club went 25-10 through June 30th, and 23-10 during August/September.
- CWS out-scored Providence 105-56. Lowly Cleveland out-scored CWS 55-54.

Season:

4/30: **Beat Cleveland** 8-5 (Corcoran)

5/11: **Beat Troy** 11-3 (Corcoran). CWS scored 6 runs in 8th inning.

5/14: **Beat Worcester** 4-3 (Corcoran). CWS scored 2 runs in 9th inning. Burns HR Worcester's 1st loss of season (8-1).

5/20: **Beat Boston** 5-4 (Corcoran). With the lone umpire's back turned to watch the ball in play, Mike Kelly scored from 2nd base without coming close to touching 3rd (see King Kelly, 1880).

5/25: **Beat Providence** 11-6 (Corcoran)

6/7: **Beat Worcester** 13-1 in 8 innings (Corcoran)

6/13: **Beat Providence & John Ward** 12-5 (Corcoran)

6/24: **Beat Providence & John Ward** 8-0 (Corcoran)

6/25: **Beat Providence** 12-8 (Goldsmith). Gore collected 3 hits, scored 5 runs and stole **ML-record** 7 bases.

6/30: **Beat Troy** 4-2 (Corcoran)

7/5: **Beat Boston** 13-11 (Goldsmith). Boston's 6 runs in 8th tied game.

8/2: **Beat Buffalo** 2-0 (Goldsmith 2 hitter).

8/11: **Beat Detroit** 17-0 (Goldsmith)

8/23: **Beat Detroit** 8-6 (Corcoran for Goldsmith).

8/25: **Lost to Detroit** 7-5 (Corcoran)

8/30: **Beat Detroit** 12-8 (Corcoran)

9/5: **Beat Cleveland** 14-9 (Goldsmith)

9/10: **Beat Buffalo** 11-1 (Corcoran)

9/16: **Beat Boston** 4-0 (Goldsmith). CWS clinched pennant.

9/27: **Beat Troy** 10-8 (Goldsmith). Played in the rain, only 12 were in attendance – **fewest ever to attend ML game.**

9/28: **Beat Worcester** 7-6 (Corcoran). Kelly and Anson each hit back-to-back inside the park home runs – a club 1st.

League:

RULE: **Walk** reduced to 7 balls. Rule was revised 1884, 1886, and finally 1889.

RULE: Distance between the home plate to pitcher's mound was increased from 45' to 50'.

- Runner was no longer called out when returning to base following a foul ball.
Prior to this rule, runner had to return quickly before ball was relayed to pitcher or be called out.
- New NL entry, the **Detroit Wolverines**, played through the 1888 season.
- Three **Providence** players were banned for drinking: Emil Goss, Sadie Houck, and Lew Brown.

First Year: P **Hoss Radbourn**, P Tony Mullane

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1882

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Chicago White Stockings | 55-29 | 2.22 (1) | .277 (1) | .898 (5) |
| Providence Grays | 52-32 | | | |
| Buffalo Bisons | 45-39 | | | .910 |
| Boston Red Stockings | 45-39 | | | .910 |
| Cleveland Blues | 42-40 | | | |
| Detroit Wolverines | 42-41 | | | |
| Troy Trojans | 35-48 | | | |
| Worcester Ruby Legs | 18-66 | | | |

FA: 376 errors; 3B Williamson in FA; Anson led 1B in errors (45)
Home: 35-10 Away: 20-19
Best: Cleveland, Troy and Worcester 9-3; Detroit & Providence 8-4.
Worst: Boston & Buffalo, 6-6

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|----------------|-----|--------|------|--|
| Fred Goldsmith | 440 | 28-16 | 2.42 | 4 th in ERA; fewest walks per 9 innings |
| Larry Corcoran | 356 | 27-13 | 1.95 | 1 st in ERA; fewest hits per 9 innings |

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | EBH | |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|-----|---|
| 1B Cap Anson | 348 | 69 | 126 | 1 | 83 | .362 | 38 | 2 nd in hits, BA, and doubles (29) |
| OF George Gore | 367 | 99 | 117 | 3 | 51 | .319 | 25 | Scored 5 runs in game twice |
| OF/C Mike Kelly | 377 | 81 | 115 | 1 | 55 | .305 | 43 | 1 st in doubles (37) |
| OF Abner Dalrymple | 397 | 96 | 117 | 1 | 36 | .295 | 37 | |
| 3B Ned Williamson | 348 | 66 | 98 | 3 | 60 | .282 | 34 | |
| C Silver Flint | 331 | 48 | 83 | 4 | 44 | .251 | 30 | |
| 2B Tommy Burns | 355 | 55 | 88 | 0 | 48 | .248 | 29 | |
| P Fred Goldsmith | 183 | 23 | 42 | 0 | 19 | .230 | 12 | |
| P Larry Corcoran | 169 | 23 | 35 | 1 | 24 | .207 | 13 | |
| OF Hugh Nicol | 186 | 19 | 37 | 1 | 16 | .199 | 11 | |

Club: 1st in runs (604), hits, doubles, and walks

Club:

4/10: Club's first owner and NL's 2nd president, **William Hulbert** died at 49.
Hulbert was later voted into the Hall of Fame in 1995.

- Attendance: 125,452.
- Albert Spalding** took over presidency through 1891. He and John Walsh were the club's 2 principal owners.
- Team went 14-1 from 6/16-7/11 and 15-1 at end of season.
Club played best-of-nine series vs. Providence to determine league champion.
- King Kelly changed positions: RF to shortstop

Season:

5/1: **Lost to Buffalo** 7-5 (Corcoran)
5/5: **Beat Cleveland** 7-6 (Corcoran)
5/10: **Beat Cleveland** 8-4 (Goldsmith).
5/22: **Beat Detroit** 12-2 (Goldsmith).
5/30: **Split DH** vs. Troy in 2 separate cities: **G1** Won 9-2 in Albany (Goldsmith).
G2: Lost 5-4 in Watervliet (5 miles further away; Corcoran).
6/12: **Beat Providence** 13-9. (Goldsmith)
6/19: **Beat Detroit** 12-0 (Goldsmith)
6/20: **Beat Worcester** 13-3. (Corcoran). Corcoran collected 4 hits, including the franchise's first grand slam.
6/21: **Beat Worcester** 13-3 (Goldsmith)

7/4: **Swept DH from Troy**. G1: Won 5-1 (Goldsmith). G2: Won 9-5 (Corcoran)
 7/8: **Beat Troy** 3-0 (Goldsmith) CWS in 1st place.
 7/11: **Beat Detroit** 8-4 (Corcoran).
 7/14: **Beat Detroit** 23-4 (Corcoran)
 7/24: **Beat Cleveland** 35-4 (Corcoran). Blues were using OF turned-pitcher Dave Rowe.
 Six CWS players scored 4+ runs; Kelly and 6 others collected 4 hits/ea. Ugly game: 10 CWS reached on an error;
 6 Blues reached on an error. Margin of victory remains **ML record**.
 7/29: **Beat Detroit** 17-1 (Corcoran).
 8/5: **Beat Boston** 12-2 (Goldsmith)
 8/24: **Beat Worcester** 5-3 (Goldsmith).
 9/5: **Beat Troy** 10-0 (Corcoran)
 9/9: **Beat Troy** 24-1 in 8 innings (Corcoran 3-hitter).
 9/14: **Beat Providence** 6-2 (Goldsmith). CWS re-took 1st place.
 9/20: **Beat Worcester** 5-0 (Corcoran's 2nd career - and franchise's 2nd no-hitter).
 9/28: **Beat Buffalo** 11-5 (Goldsmith). CWS clinched pennant.
 9/30: **Beat Buffalo** 6-5 (Corcoran). In his only ML game, 16 y/o 1B **Milt Scott** went 2-5 at bat and scored a run.
 Scott is youngest CWS to ever play.

Two-game series vs. Cincinnati Reds: see **League** below.

10/10: **Lost to Providence** 11-4.
 10/24: **Beat Providence** 19-7.

League:

RULE: From 1876-1881, umpires could confer with spectators or players if he could not determine if ball was caught.
 RULE: Only the team captain could confer with umpire.

4/10: NL's 2nd president, **William Hulbert** died at 49 and was replaced by **Arthur Soden** on an interim basis.

- **Reserve clause** was expanded to 11 players.
- NL attempted to color-code position players. Following colors were to the caps, shirts, and belts:
Catchers (scarlet), **Pitchers** (light blue), **1B** (scarlet and white stripes), **2B** (orange and blue stripes),
3B (blue and white stripes or gray and white stripes), **SS** (maroon), **LF** (white), **CF** (red and black), **RF** (gray)
 Scheme ended in June. NL instead allowed colored uniforms – *one per team* instead of by position: Chicago was white,
 Boston red, Buffalo gray, Cleveland navy blue, Detroit gold, Providence light blue, Troy green, and Worcester brown.
- **Gone by season's end:** Worcester and Troy. Troy suffered 16G losing streak; Worcester lost 14 in row.
 The two teams were replaced by **New York Gothams** (later Giants) and **Philadelphia Quakers** (later Phillies).

American Association began and raided NL teams of players. Once the NL recognized the AA, the piracy ceased.

- The two leagues then signed the National Agreement of 1883.
- Two teams from the AA remain today: **Cincinnati Red Stockings** and the **St. Louis Brown Stockings** (later Cardinals).
 AA's **Cincinnati Reds** were first called Red Stockings. St. Louis club was first known as the Brown Stockings.
- One early AA star was the ambidextrous P **Tony "The Apollo of the Box"** Mullane (284-220).
 Mullane won 30+ games 6 times.
- AA was the 1st to hire a full staff of umpires with more generous pay and per diem expenses. NL followed suit in 1883.
 One such umpire, infamous **Richard Higham**, was barred from baseball for indicating to gamblers when to bet on
 the games he was officiating.

AA was notorious for **rowdiness** – Browns' **Arlie Latham** and **Charles Comiskey** were known for their foul, rough play.

- For his part, Comiskey (as coach) ran up and down 3rd base line insulting the opposition.
- Comiskey as strategist: As a first baseman, he played off the bag, leaving pitchers to cover 1st on ground balls hit to the 1B.
 He also shifted players according to the batter's strength and later added 1st and 3rd base coaches.
 Comiskey stayed with Browns from 1882-91 (1 year in Players League).
- **Baltimore** of the AA averaged 7 errors a game (490 errors/73 games)

First Year: Pete Browning and IF **Bid McPhee** of AA; P **John Clarkson**, P Charlie Buffington,

Post season championship: Both games ended in controversy.

10/6: **Lost to Cincinnati** of AA 4-0 (Goldsmith).
 Reds worked around AA's imposed ban of playing NL teams by releasing and re-signing all its players.
 10/7: **Beat Cincinnati** 2-0 (Corcoran 3-hitter).
 Rumored that AA League President Dennis McKnight threatened to punish the Reds if they continued to play.

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1883

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Boston Beaneaters | 63-35 | | | |
| Chicago White Stockings | 59-39 | 2.78 (4) | .273 (3) | .879 (7) |
| Providence Grays | 58-40 | | | |
| Cleveland Blues | 55-42 | 2.22 | | .909 |
| Buffalo Bisons | 52-45 | | .284 | |
| New York Gothams | 46-50 | | | |
| Detroit Wolverines | 40-58 | | | |
| Philadelphia Quakers | 17-81 | | | |

FA: 543 errors; **worst FA in club history** (averaged 5+ errors/game). OF Kelly recorded 38 assists.
"Stonewall" infield: 1B Anson, 2B Fred Pfeffer, SS Tommy Burns, and 3B Ned Williamson.
3B Williamson led third basemen in assists, double plays, errors (87) and total chances. His FA was .807 (6th)
Home: 36-13 Away: 23-26
Best: Philadelphia 12-2, New York, Buffalo & Detroit 9-5
Worst: Cleveland 6-8.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|----------------|-----|--------|------|---|
| Larry Corcoran | 474 | 34-20 | 2.49 | 3 shutouts; some accounts added 3 more wins to Corcoran |
| Fred Goldsmith | 383 | 25-19 | 3.15 | |

Staff: Opponents scored 540 runs (3rd lowest). Philadelphia allowed 888.

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | Ave | EBH | |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|----|------|-----|--|
| OF George Gore | 392 | 105 | 131 | 2 | .334 | 41 | 2 nd in runs, 3 rd in BA |
| 1B Cap Anson | 413 | 70 | 127 | 0 | .308 | 41 | 4 th in 2B (36) |
| OF Abner Dalrymple | 363 | 78 | 108 | 2 | .298 | 30 | |
| SS Tommy Burns | 405 | 69 | 119 | 2 | .294 | 46 | 3 rd in 2B (37) |
| 3B Ned Williamson | 402 | 83 | 111 | 2 | .276 | 56 | 1 st in doubles (49) |
| C Silver Flint | 332 | 57 | 88 | 0 | .265 | 27 | |
| OF/C Mike Kelly | 429 | 92 | 109 | 3 | .255 | 41 | |
| 2B Fred Pfeffer | 371 | 41 | 87 | 1 | .235 | 30 | |
| P Fred Goldsmith | 235 | 38 | 52 | 1 | .221 | 16 | |
| P Larry Corcoran | 263 | 40 | 55 | 0 | .209 | 19 | |

Club led NL in runs (679).

Williamson broke Kelly's record for doubles (37, 1882). Williamson's record stood until 1899 (Ed Delahanty, 59)
From 9/1-9/9, CWS went 5-0, out-scoring opponents 86-16.

Trades: Bare-handed **2B Fred Pfeffer** (from Troy). Remained with club from 1883-89 and 1896,
Pfeffer later jumped to Players League in 1890 and managed Louisville and NY. Lifetime BA: .258.

Rookies: **OF Billy Sunday**. Speedy in field, an average hitter (best was .291); spent 4 seasons with CWS.
After his baseball career was over, Sunday returned to Chicago and organized Chicago's YMCA.
Sunday later became a well-known evangelist.

Club:

- Newly **renovated Lakefront Park** seated 10,000. Seats were raised so fans could watch the game.
 - The Illinois Central RRR was just beyond CF fence. Ballpark included luxury boxes.
 - LF 180', RF 196, and CF just 300! The following year, NL established minimum LF/RF distances to 210'.
 - Short fences: a ball hit over LF fence was ruled a double. Team hit 13HR and 277 doubles.
From 1879-83, the Colts led the league in doubles.
Park included another feature - a bike track that ran along the inside perimeter.
Attendance: 124,880.
- Club's lost only 1 player to the upstart **American Association** - OF Hugh Nichol.
- Club began 15-6 and were in 1st place through May. Streaks: club won 11 in a row but also lost 7 straight.
- 7/3 & 7/4: Anson hit record 6 doubles in 2 games.

8/10: Beat **Toledo Blue Stockings** of Northwestern League 7-6 in an exhibition game.
Game included controversy: Since Toledo squad included a black player, **Moses "Fleet" Walker**, manager Anson would not allow the club to take the field. Walker played anyway – replacing a Blue Stocking catcher late in the game. Anson and the club faced an almost identical situation three years later.
Anson was a major influence barring blacks from professional baseball.

- September 10-13: Boston swept crucial 4G series.

Season:

5/1: **Beat Detroit** 7-4 (Goldsmith). CWS scored 5 runs in the 7th.
5/5: **Lost to Detroit** 3-2 (Corcoran). Wolverines scored 2 runs in 9th.
5/11: **Beat Philadelphia** 11-9 (Goldsmith)
5/22: **Beat Boston** 4-3 (Corcoran). OF Billy Sunday struck out 4 times in 1st ML game – ML record since tied.
5/30: **Beat Philadelphia** in D. **G1**: 15-8 (Goldsmith). **G2**: 22-4 (Corcoran).

6/2: **Lost to NY** 22-7 (Corcoran). CWS committed 20 errors to NY's 10.
6/9: **Beat Providence** 11-0 (Corcoran).

7/3: **Beat Buffalo** 31-7 (Corcoran). Nine CWS players scored 3+ runs. Team totaled 14 2B (Dalrymple and Anson 4/ea).
7/25: **Beat Philadelphia** 11-2 in 11 innings (Goldsmith)
7/26: **Beat Philadelphia** 17-5 (Corcoran).

8/8: **Lost to Detroit** 5-1 (Corcoran). OF Gore was charged with 3 errors in 1 inning – 1st of 2 to do so in NL.
9/1: **Beat Cleveland** 21-7 (Corcoran). CWS scored 11 runs in 3rd inning.
9/4: **Beat Detroit** 13-1 (Goldsmith).
9/5: **Beat Detroit** 14-1 (Corcoran)
9/6: **Beat Detroit** 26-6 (Goldsmith). Club scored ML record 18 runs and collected 18 straight hits in 7th inning.
In the 7th, SS Burns (4-6) collected ML record 3 extra base hits (2 doubles and a homer). Pfeffer and Williamson also had 3 hits in the inning. The three are the only NL players to collect 3 hits in an inning.
9/8: **Beat Detroit** 12-8 (Corcoran). CWS' 11th win in a row.
9/10: **Lost to Boston** 4-2 (Goldsmith).
9/11: **Lost to Boston** 3-2 (Corcoran). CWS no longer in 1st place.
9/25: **Beat NYG** 11-10 in 7 innings (Goldsmith).

League:

RULE: Batter was no longer called out if foul ball was caught on a bounce.

- Civil War vet **Abraham Mills** (1883-84) replaced Arthur Soden as NL president.
- National Agreement** was established between the NL, AA, and Northwest League. Agreement was a series of rules, regulations, and enforcement governing players' contracts, trades, transfers, drafts, and releases.
Outcome: owners had total control. Agreement included **reserve clause** protection of 11 players per team and player disputes. Those leagues that did not comply were considered *outlaw leagues*.
- Two new entries: **NY Gothams** (later NY Giants) and **Philadelphia Quakers** (formerly Worcester).
Boston Red Caps changed name again to **Beaneaters**.
First time the city of NY had professional team.
- Tough season for Philadelphia rookie P **John Coleman** 12-48. His 48 losses were an NL record.
 - Coleman pitched total of 772 innings in 1883.
 - As a team, Quakers committed 639 errors (6+/game). Season included 14G losing streak
 - Philadelphia went 0-14 vs. Boston and was 2-12 vs. Cleveland, Chicago, and New York.

6/20: **Boston** beat Philadelphia 29-4.

8/21: **Providence** beat Philadelphia 28-0.

- NL followed AA practice of paying umpires and offering per diem expenses.

AA: **Charles Comiskey** took over St. Louis Browns.

First Year: Tip O'Neill

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1884

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|--------------------------------|-------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Providence Grays | 84-28 | 1.61 | | |
| Boston Beaneaters | 73-38 | | | .922 |
| Buffalo Bisons | 64-47 | | | |
| Chicago White Stockings | 62-50 | 3.03 (4) | .281 (1) | .886 (7) |
| New York Gothams | 62-50 | | | |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 39-73 | | | |
| Cleveland Blues | 35-77 | | | |
| Detroit Wolverines | 28-82 | | | |

FA: 595 errors; club led NL in double plays and errors. OF Billy Sunday (.663 FA) committed 27 errors in 80 chances. P Corcoran, 1B Anson (58) , 2B Pfeffer (88) led in errors; Pfeffer also led NL in putouts, assists, and double plays. Anson's 58 errors were a record for 1B. RF Kelly's FA .794. Pfeffer led NL in every defensive category: record 422 assists, 395 putouts, and 85 double plays.

Home: 39-17 Away: 23-33

Best: Philadelphia 14-2, New York 12-4, Detroit 11-5.

Worst: Providence 5-11, Boston & Buffalo 6-10.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|--|
| Larry Corcoran | 516 | 35-23 | 2.40 | 57 complete games, 272 strikeouts, 7 shutouts. |
| Fred Goldsmith | 188 | 9-11 | 4.26 | |
| John Clarkson | 118 | 10- 3 | 2.14 | |
| Joe Brown | 50 | 4- 2 | 4.68 | |
| Tom Lee | 45 | 1- 4 | 3.77 | |

| Top Hitters: | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | Ave | EBH | |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|---|
| OF/C Mike Kelly | 452 | 120 | 160 | 13 | .351 | 46 | T 1 st in runs, 1 st in BA |
| 1B Cap Anson | 475 | 108 | 159 | 21 | .335 | 54 | 3 rd in BA, 4 th in HR, 2 nd in TB (258) |
| OF George Gore | 422 | 104 | 134 | 5 | .318 | 27 | T 1 st in runs |
| OF Abner Dalrymple | 521 | 111 | 161 | 22 | .309 | 49 | 1 st in Total Bases (263), 3 rd in HR |
| 2B Fred Pfeffer | 467 | 109 | 135 | 25 | .289 | 45 | 2 nd in HR, 3 rd in Total Bases (240) |
| 3B Ned Williamson | 417 | 84 | 116 | 27 | .278 | 53 | 1 st in HR, 5 th in Total Bases (231) |
| SS Tommy Burns | 343 | 54 | 84 | 2 | .245 | 23 | |
| P Larry Corcoran | 251 | 43 | 61 | 1 | .243 | 8 | |
| C Silver Flint | 279 | 35 | 57 | 9 | .204 | 16 | |

Club 1st in BA, runs (834), HRs (124) and Slugging (.446)

Buffalo was 2nd in BA (.262), runs (700) and HRs (39)

Ned Williamson's HRs was ML record (25 at Lakefront) – a number surpassed by Babe Ruth 35 years later.

Williamson was 1st to hit 3 HR in a game. Williamson with .554 SA; Anson .543 SA.

Trades: **John Clarkson:** from Worcester. CWS record: 137-57 (1884-87). Career record 327-176.

Voted into **Hall of Fame** by Veterans Committee in 1963. On Cubs' **All-Time List** for winning percentage (.706, 4th)

P Fred Goldsmith was later released.

Club

- Attendance: 87,667.
- Despite spending 10K to upgrade **Lakefront Park**, 1894 was the last year the club played at the site. Dimensions were small: LF (180'), CF (300'), and RF (196').
 - Balls hit over the Park's outfield fences were ruled doubles in 1883. In 1884, they were ruled home runs. Team clubbed then-ML record 142 HRs. (Buffalo 2nd with 39). ML record was broken in 1930.
 - CWS hit 130 HRs at home; opponents hit 67. Away games: Williamson hit 2 HRs, Anson 1, and Pfeffer 0.
- League forced club to take down the 38' RF fence erected to block the free view of those standing on a nearby viaduct.
- First 20 games were played on the road (6-14). CWS' 1st home game was on May 29th. Club went 21-4 at the end. CWS had winning streaks of +10 and +9, both in September. Club also had losing streaks of -8 and -7.

9/15: Crowd of 22,000 saw CWS beat Louisville 11-7 in an exhibition game in Louisville, KY.

Season:

- 5/1: **Lost to NY Gothams** 15-3 in NY (Corcoran). 15,000 attended?
- 5/2: **Lost to NY Gothams** 13-6 in 7 innings (Corcoran).
- 5/5: **Beat Philadelphia** 12-7 (Corcoran)
- 5/8: **Beat Philadelphia** 13-0 (Corcoran)
- 5/23: **Beat Cleveland** 5-0 (Corcoran 1-hitter).
- 5/27: **Beat Buffalo** 14-6 (Goldsmith) Goldsmith aided cause by homering twice.
- 5/29: **Beat Detroit** 15-5 (Corcoran). Detroit's George Wood and CWS's Dalrymple each led off 1st with HR.
- 5/30: **Swept DH from Detroit. G1:** Won 11-10 (Crosby) P Crosby's HR in the 9th was the game-winner.
G2: Won 12-2. Williamson became 1st NL player to hit 3HR in a game. All 3 came off Hoss Radbourne.
- 6/7: **Beat Cleveland** 13-6. CWS hit 5 home runs (Goldsmith)
- 6/16: **Lost to Buffalo** 20-9 (Corcoran).
After injuring his right pitching hand, Corcoran tried to pitch with his left but was replaced
- 6/21: **Beat Boston** 11-7 (Lee). Boston fielded only 8 players from the 2nd inning on. Umpire would not allow a replacement.
- 6/24: **Beat Boston** 13-6 (Corcoran)
- 6/27: **Beat Providence** 6-0 (Corcoran's 3rd). Corcoran allowed 6 walks. Providence's 10G winning streak ended.
- 6/28: **Lost to Detroit** 13-4 (Lee).
- 6/30: **Beat Providence** 5-4 (Corcoran). Kelly hit 9th inning HR.
- 7/1: **Beat Providence** 14-0 (Corcoran)
- 7/4: **Beat Philadelphia in DH. G1:** Won 3-1 (Corcoran). **G2:** Won 22-3 (Andrus). Burns 2HR & Williamson added a grand slam
- 7/15: **Lost to Detroit** 14-0 (Mike Corcoran) Corcoran's only ML game included 5 wild pitches.
- 7/29: **Beat Detroit** 16-8 (Corcoran).
- 7/31: **Beat Detroit** 4-0 (John Hibbard). Hibbard's 1st ML game. First CWS shutout by a lefty.
- 8/5: **Lost to Cleveland** 8-5. (Anson for Tom Lynch). Anson lost in relief. Lynch a rookie. Anson homered twice.
- 8/6: **Beat Cleveland** 13-4 (Corcoran). Anson became 2nd CWS to hit 3 HRs in game.
Ty Cobb (1925) was next player to hit 5 HRs in 2 games. Next Cub to hit 3 HR in game: Hack Wilson in 1930.
- 8/11: **DH vs. Buffalo: G1** CWS forfeited after protesting umpire's ruling. **G2:** game ended in a 6-6 tie.
- 8/14: **Beat Buffalo** 17-10 (Corcoran). CWS hit 5 more home runs, including a grand slam by King Kelly.
- 9/2: **Beat NY Gothams** 8-3 (Corcoran).
- 9/11: **Beat Philadelphia** 19-2 in 8 innings (Clarkson). CWS beat Philadelphia 16-6 (Brown) the day before.
- 9/16: **Beat Boston** 17-0 (Corcoran). Gore homered twice; Pfeffer collected 5 hits including a home run.
- 9/17: **Beat Boston** 18-9 (Clarkson).
- 9/27: **Beat Providence** 15-10 (Corcoran). CWS scored 10 runs in 1st inning.
- 9/30: **Beat NY Gothams** 17-2 (Clarkson). CWS scored 9 runs in 4th inning.
- 10/2: **Beat NY Gothams** 9-5 (Brown). CWS scored 8 runs in 7th inning.
- 10/3: **Beat NY Gothams** 13-5 (Clarkson).
- 10/9: **Beat Philadelphia** 19-7 (Clarkson). Clarkson hit 2 of CWS' 5 homers.
- 10/10: **Beat Philadelphia** 4-3 (Corcoran). Ned Williamson hit game-winning HR in 9th.
- 10/11: **Beat Philadelphia** 12-3 (Clarkson). Last game at Lakefront Park.

League:

RULE: **Six balls** was a walk (reduced from 8). League tinkered with the walk two years later.

RULE: Pitchers were allowed to throw overhand.

This was also the last year pitchers were permitted to jump around the pitcher's mound prior to the pitch.

RULE: Foul ball caught on the fly was an out.

- Responding to head-hunting pitchers like **Tony "Apollo of the Box" Mullane**, (St. Louis & Cincinnati)
AA awarded batter 1st base after being hit by pitch.
NL hesitated for 2 years prior to adopting this rule – felt it reduced the game.
- NL owners instituted a **salary cap** of \$2,000. Clubs graded players from A to D. Each grade carried a specific pay level.
- Teams no longer had to share a single bench – separate ones were provided for each team.
- **Providence Grays Hoss Radbourne** won the pitcher's Triple Crown: 59-12, 679 IP and 441 strikeouts.
Providence folded after the 1885 season. Club was unable to draw enough fan support.
 - Radbourne won 18 straight games during the season.
 - Grays coach **Frank Bancroft** was a Civil War veteran.
 - Club went 15-1 vs. Detroit
 - Edward Achorn's 2010 book, **59 in '84** focused on Providence's success and Radbourne's record-setting season

Union Association began.

Comparatively weak league vs. NL and other minor leagues. Union League opposed the reserve clause.

Chicago Union club featured pitcher **1-Arm Daily**, whose left hand was amputated at the wrist.

Club played on city's south side (aka South Side Park at 39th Street and Wabash Avenue)

- **Cleveland** dropped out after the 1884 season.
- **Detroit lost 11 in a row.**

- **Philadelphia** 3B Joe Mulvey committed 6 errors in 1 game.
- **Brooklyn** club of AA was first called *the Atlantics*. Club joined the NL in 1890.

- **C Deacon White** introduced the **chest protector**.

First Year: C Deacon McGuire, P Bob Caruthers

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1885

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Chicago White Stockings | 87-25 | 2.23 (2) | .264 (2) | .903 (4) |
| New York Giants | 85-27 | 1.72 | .269 | .929 |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 56-54 | | | |
| Providence Grays | 53-57 | | | |
| Boston Beaneaters | 46-66 | | | |
| Detroit Wolverines | 41-67 | | | |
| Buffalo Bisons | 38-74 | | | |
| St. Louis Maroons | 36-72 | | | |

FA: 496 errors; Five players led respective position in errors: 1B Cap Anson (57), P John Clarkson, 2B Fred Pfeffer (86 errors, .893 FA), 3B Ned Williamson (.891 FA), and SS Tommy Burns (96 errors, .884 FA).

Home: 42-14 Away: 45-11

Best: Buffalo 16-0, Detroit 15-1, Boston & St. Louis 14-2, Providence & Philadelphia 11-5

Worst: NY 6-10.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|----------------|-----|--------|------|--|
| John Clarkson | 623 | 53-16 | 1.85 | 1 st in shutouts (10), strikeouts (318), IP, and Games (70) |
| Jim McCormick | 215 | 20- 4 | 2.43 | Won 14 in row. |
| Ted Kennedy | 78 | 7- 2 | 3.43 | |
| Larry Corcoran | | 5- 2 | | |

Clarkson's 53 wins placed him 2nd all-time to Providence's Hoss Radbourne (60, 1884).

Season included 13G winning streak.

Clarkson went 15-1 in month of June and pitched nearly every game in July (12-3) until club obtained McCormick.

Corcoran suffered arm trouble.

| Top Hitters: | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | EBH | |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|-----|--|
| OF George Gore | 441 | 115 | 138 | 5 | 51 | .313 | 39 | 3 rd in runs, triples (13), and 5 th in BA |
| 1B Cap Anson | 464 | 100 | 144 | 7 | 114 | .310 | 49 | 1 st in doubles (35), 3 rd in HR and hits |
| OF King Kelly | 438 | 124 | 126 | 9 | 74 | .288 | 40 | 1 st 5 in runs, 2 nd in HR |
| OF Abner Dalrymple | 492 | 109 | 135 | 11 | 58 | .274 | 50 | 1 st in HR, 3 rd in Total Bases (219) |
| SS Tommy Burns | 445 | 82 | 121 | 7 | 70 | .272 | 39 | 3 rd in HR |
| 2B Fred Pfeffer | 469 | 90 | 113 | 6 | 71 | .241 | 24 | |
| 3B Ned Williamson | 407 | 87 | 97 | 3 | 64 | .238 | 24 | |
| P John Clarkson | 283 | 34 | 61 | 4 | 31 | .216 | 20 | |
| C Silver Flint | 249 | 27 | 52 | 1 | 19 | .209 | 11 | |

Club 1st in runs (834; NY Giants 2nd: 691), HRs (54) and Slugging (.385).

Trades: P **Jim McCormick** from Providence. On team for 2 years, then sent to Pittsburgh. Career: 264-214, then retired.

McCormick's .773 winning percentage is 2nd on **Cubs' All-time list**.

P Larry Corcoran was released in July.

Rookies: OF **Jimmy "Pony" Ryan** - one of the greatest OF and hitters, including the dead-ball era. A CWS from 1885-1900,

Career .309/2,524 hits or .314/2,557 (another source: .306/2,502 451 doubles, 157 triples and 417 SB.)

- Hit 22 HRs leading off; 3rd all-time in outfield assists and was 5th in errors.

Cubs' All-time list: 1st in 3B (142), 2nd in runs (1,140), 3rd in SB (370), 8th in hits (2,084), and 2B (362); 9th in RBI (914).

Club:

- Club began play at **West Side Park** (Congress & Throop) until 1891. New park cost \$30K. LF and RF were 216' from home. Similar to Lakefront Park, a bicycle track bordered the outfield. Stadium seated 10K & included luxury boxes.
- Attendance: 117,519.
- CWS out-scored their opponents 834-470.
 - Club began 18-5 on road until West Side Park was completed. Streaks: +18 June 1 - 24th (14 were at home).
 - Team's .777 winning percentage is 3rd highest in ML history.
 - CWS went 16-0 vs. Buffalo team and 15-1 vs. Detroit. Team went 6-9 vs. NYG.

- King Kelly played both RF and catcher; OF Abner Dalrymple platooned with Jimmy Ryan.
- St. Louis Browns speedster Arlie Latham took on CWS OF Billy Sunday in a race and lost.

Season:

- 4/30: **Lost to St. Louis** 3-2 (Corcoran)
 5/2: **Beat St. Louis** 16-1 (Corcoran)
 5/8: **Beat Buffalo** 13-4 (Clarkson)
 5/19: **Beat Philadelphia** 11-9 (Corcoran)
 5/26: **Beat Boston** 11-10 (Corcoran)
- 6/1: **Beat Detroit** 6-0 (Clarkson)
 6/2: **Beat Detroit** 10-6 (Clarkson)
 6/4: **Beat Detroit** 5-2 (Clarkson).
- 6/6: **Beat St. Louis** 9-2 (Clarkson).
 First game at West Side Park; 10,327 attended saw Gore collect 4 hits, including 2 HRs and a triple.
- 6/15: **Beat Detroit** 13-5 (Clarkson). CWS scored 7 runs in the 5th inning.
 6/20: **Beat Buffalo** 5-0 (Clarkson 1-hitter).
- 6/24: **Beat Philadelphia** 12-2 (Clarkson). CWS at 32-6.
 6/25: **Lost to Philadelphia** 2-0 (Clarkson 5-hitter). CWS' 18-game winning streak over.
 Clarkson's personal 13G winning streak also ended.
- 6/29: **Beat Boston** 14-10 (Clarkson)
 6/30: **Beat Boston** 13-9 (Kennedy)
- 7/1: **Beat Boston** 24-10 (Clarkson). Burns hit 500' HR.
 7/9: **Beat Providence and Radbourne** 8-5 (Kennedy).
 Gore 2nd player to achieve **ML record** 5 extra base hits in a game (3 2B & 2 3B).
- 7/18: **Beat Boston** 6-5 (Clarkson). Mike Kelly hit 3 triples.
 7/23: **Beat Boston** 12-2 (Clarkson).
 7/24: **Beat Boston** 14-5 (McCormick).
- 7/27: **Beat Providence** 4-0 (**Clarkson no-hitter**). Clarkson: 0 walks, but CWS committed 3 errors.
 Dalrymple led off game with HR.
- 7/29: **Beat Providence** 3-2 in 14 (Clarkson). Anson drove in final run on sac fly. Dalrymple led off game with HR.
 7/30: **Beat Philadelphia** 2-0 (Clarkson).
 7/31: **Beat Philadelphia** 9-0 (McCormick 1-hitter)
- 8/1: **Lost to NY Giants** 7-6 in NY (Clarkson). The 13,427 attending was largest paying crowd to date.
 8/4: **Beat Philadelphia** 13-3 (Clarkson)
 8/31: **Beat Detroit** 16-6 (McCormick).
- 9/4: **Beat Buffalo** 12-4 in Milwaukee (McCormick's 14th straight win). Anson homered twice. Milwaukee was a neutral site.
 9/5: **Beat Buffalo** 6-0 (Clarkson struck out 13).
 9/19: **Beat Boston** 10-3 (Clarkson's 50th win)
- 9/23: **Beat Providence** 16-8 (McCormick)
 9/25: **Beat Providence Grays** 21-3 (McCormick). Grays made 20 errors. Kelly hit 3 triples in game.
 9/29: **Beat NY Giants** 7-4 (McCormick). Overflow crowd at home (10K+)
 9/30: **Beat NY Giants** 2-1 (Clarkson). Another large crowd (11,300) was on hand.
- 10/1: **Beat NY Giants** 8-3 (McCormick)
 10/6: **Beat Philadelphia** 9-4 (McCormick) CWS clinched pennant.
 Clarkson lost his last 3 decisions at end of season.

League:

- Civil War veteran **Nicholas Young** replaced **Abraham Mills** as NL President (1885-1902).
- Until 1893, one side of the bat could be flat.
- **Salary cap** and player grading (see 1884) led Monty Ward and players to form **Union of Professional Base Ball Players**.
 Union went unrecognized by NL and AA. Union wanted salaries expressly stated on contracts.
 NL owners had made a pact with AA counterparts to limit player contracts: \$2K maximum to \$1K minimum.

- **St. Louis Maroons** franchise of the Union Association joined NL and came in last. **NY Gothams** permanently changed their name to **Giants**.

- Cincinnati P **Tony Mullane** was suspended 1 year for signing on with too many teams.

5/27: NY beat Buffalo 24-0.

- **NY Giants** (formerly Gothams) included several members of NY Mets, the 1884 AA champions. Giants P **Mickey Welch** won 17 straight games.
- **Buffalo** lost 16 in a row. **Providence** lost 13 straight games and folded at end of season.
- **Brooklyn Atlantics** (later Dodgers) re-named Grays.

Western League formed (later the American League, 1899).

Teams were set up in Detroit, Sioux City (Iowa), Toledo, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Grand Rapids, and Minneapolis.

The minor league WL agreed to be legally bound to National Agreement – upholding the rights and rules and interest of organized baseball.

First Year: OF **Tommy McCarthy**, Sam Thompson, And Denny Lyons

World Championship Series (“America’s Championship Series”). CWS faced AA’s St. Louis Browns.

- Second time the champions of each league faced off (NL’s Providence played against AA’s NY Mets in 1884).
- CWS were not the only team to enjoy a lengthy winning streak (18G), Browns had a winning streak of 17 in a row.
- Series was to be played in 7 cities: Chicago, St. Louis, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Brooklyn. Due to cold weather, games set in the latter three cities were cancelled.

Series ended in a 3-3-1 tie. Contests were marked by terrible fielding by both clubs – 102 errors total (59 by CWS).

Series included violence on/off field and major disputes with umpires.

Games were played with little/no enthusiasm.

Some players showed up drunk, and no player from either team was compensated for post-season tournament.

| Game 1: October 14 | | Runs | Hits | Errors | Pitcher of Record |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| | In Chicago | | | | |
| | St. Louis | 5 | 7 | 4 | Caruthers |
| | Chicago | 5 | 6 | 11 | Clarkson |

Game called on account of darkness after 8 innings. Pfeffer hit 3-run HR to tie game. None of Browns runs were earned. Despite capacity of 10,000, only 2,000 attended.

| Game 2: October 15 | | Runs | Hits | Errors | Pitcher of Record |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| | In St. Louis | | | | |
| | St. Louis | 4 | 2 | 4 | Foutz |
| | Chicago | 5 | 6 | 5 | McCormick |

Game lasted 5 ½ innings with CWS leading Browns 5-4.

Browns forfeited game when coach Charles Comiskey argued with umpire Dan Sullivan and soon withdrew his club.

- Sullivan argued with CWS in 1st inning, calling Kelly out on SB attempt and later contested with Browns in the 3rd on a disputed double. Sullivan wasn’t done: he had yet another confrontation with the Browns in 6th on a grounder hit by Kelly that was bobbled (Kelly was ruled safe).
- Play was resumed for only a short time until another play resulted in a heated debate.
- Sullivan was removed under police escort – escaping the mob through the outfield fence.

A local fan sympathetic to the Browns then took over as umpire.

| Game 3: October 16 | | Runs | Hits | Errors | Pitcher of Record |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| | In St. Louis | | | | |
| | St. Louis | 7 | 8 | 4 | Caruthers |
| | Chicago | 4 | 8 | 12 | Clarkson |

Anson approved choice of new umpire. Most of CWS errors came via fly balls.

| Game 4: October 17 | | Runs | Hits | Errors | Pitcher of Record |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| | In St. Louis | | | | |
| | St. Louis | 3 | 6 | 7 | Foutz |
| | Chicago | 2 | 8 | 3 | McCormick |

Dalrymple hit 2-run HR. CWS protested that a Brown fan was chosen to umpire.

| Game 5: October 22 | | Runs | Hits | Errors | Pitcher of Record |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| | in Pittsburgh | | | | |
| | St. Louis | 2 | 4 | 7 | Foutz |
| | Chicago | 9 | 7 | 1 | Clarkson |

Game lasted 7 innings on account of darkness. Only 500 attended.

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Game 6: October 23 | in Cincinnati | Runs | Hits | Errors | Pitcher of Record |
| | St. Louis | 2 | 2 | 7 | Caruthers |
| | Chicago | 9 | 11 | 10 | McCormick |

Only 1,500 attended

| | | | | | |
|---------------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|--------------------------|
| Game 7: October 24 | in Cincinnati | Runs | Hits | Errors | Pitcher of Record |
| | St. Louis | 13 | 12 | 10 | Foutz |
| | Chicago | 4 | 9 | 17 | McCormick |

Game lasted 8 innings on account of darkness. Score was 13-4 or 14-3.

With Clarkson running late, Anson chose McCormick to pitch.

Prize money of \$1,000 was split 50/50 between the clubs.

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1886

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Chicago White Stockings | 90-34 | 2.54 (2) | .279 (2) | .912 (5) |
| Detroit Wolverines | 87-36 | | .280 | |
| New York Giants | 75-44 | | | .929 |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 71-43 | 2.45 | | |
| Boston Beaneaters | 56-61 | | | |
| St. Louis Maroons | 43-79 | | | |
| Kansas City Cowboys | 30-91 | | | |
| Washington Nationals | 28-92 | | | |

FA: .912; 475 errors; 1B Anson, 2B Pfeffer, SS Williamson, and C Flint led their positions in errors. Pfeffer led in putouts.

Home: 52-10 Away: 38-24

Best: Kansas City & Washington 17-1, St. Louis 13-4, Boston 12-6, Detroit 11-7, Philadelphia 10-7, NYG 10-8.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|---------------|-----|--------|------|--|
| John Clarkson | 466 | 36-17 | 2.41 | Struck out 313 batters. Record in dispute: 35-17 or 37-17 |
| Jim McCormick | 348 | 31-11 | 2.82 | Won 16 straight games (2 nd best) |
| Jocko Flynn | 257 | 23- 6 | 2.24 | 28 complete games; won 14 straight. Did not pitch in Series. |

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | EBH | |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|-----|--|
| OF Mike Kelly | 451 | 155 | 175 | 4 | 79 | .388 | 47 | 1 st in runs, BA, 3 rd in doubles (32) |
| 1B Cap Anson | 504 | 117 | 187 | 10 | 147 | .371 | 56 | See below |
| OF Jimmy Ryan | 327 | 58 | 100 | 4 | 53 | .306 | 27 | |
| OF George Gore | 444 | 150 | 135 | 6 | 63 | .304 | 38 | Led NL in walks (102) |
| 3B Tommy Burns | 445 | 64 | 123 | 3 | 65 | .276 | 31 | |
| 2B Fred Pfeffer | 474 | 88 | 125 | 7 | 95 | .264 | 32 | |
| P Jim McCormick | 174 | 17 | 41 | 2 | 21 | .236 | 13 | |
| P John Clarkson | 210 | 21 | 49 | 3 | 23 | .233 | 13 | |
| OF Abner Dalrymple | 331 | 62 | 77 | 3 | 26 | .233 | 22 | |
| SS Ned Williamson | 430 | 69 | 93 | 6 | 58 | .216 | 31 | |
| C Silver Flint | 173 | 30 | 35 | 1 | 13 | .202 | 9 | |

Club: 1st in runs (900), HRs, 2Bs, 3Bs, and Slugging (.401).

Anson led NL in RBIs, 2nd in BA, Slugging (.544), HR, Total Bases (274), hits, and doubles (35).

Anson's 147 RBIs was club record until 1930.

King Kelly stole 53 bases. His 155 runs established club record later surpassed by Rogers Hornsby in 1929.

Kelly's BA was club best until 1895.

Club:

- Attendance: 142,438.
- Spalding hired a detective to shadow players. Seven players were each fined \$25 for breaking GM's rule on drinking.
- Anson was first manager to institute **spring training**. Club met and practiced in Hot Springs, Arkansas.
- Competition came from a Detroit Wolverines club that won 16 straight during season.
- Williamson switched from 3B to SS.
- Streaks: +14 (from 8/23-9/8), +10, +8 and +7. CWS began season 15-3 and won their final 18 home games.

5/4 **Haymarket Square Riot** took place at the corner of West Randolph and Des Plaines.

A bomb thrown during a union rally killed 7 policemen and several bystanders.

Of the 8 brought to trial, 4 were executed and another committed suicide while in jail.

Season:

4/30: **Beat Kansas City** 6-5 in 13 (Clarkson)

5/6: **Beat Detroit** 5-1 (Clarkson)

5/28: **Beat Washington** 20-0 (McCormick). Club's most 1-sided shutout.

6/14: **Beat Kansas City** 6-1 (Flynn struck out 13).

6/17: **Beat St. Louis** 11-3 (Clarkson). CWS scored 7 runs in 5th inning.

6/22: **Lost to Detroit** 5-4 (Flynn). Anson was fined \$110 for complaining about umpire's decisions.

7/1: **Beat NY Giants** 7-3 (McCormick's 16th straight win).
 7/7: **Beat NY Giants** 21-9 (McCormick)
 7/8: **Beat Detroit** 9-4 (Clarkson). 12,000 attended.
 7/15: **Beat Kansas City** 14-2 (McCormick)

7/17: **Beat Kansas City** 14-8 (Flynn).
 7/20: **Beat St. Louis** 20-4 (McCormick). Anson, Ryan, and Dalrymple each homered in 3rd.
 7/22: **Beat Kansas City** 14-1 (McCormick)
 7/28: **Lost to Boston** 3-2 in 11 (Clarkson). Boston argued in 10th that their runner scored on a sacrifice fly.

8/6: **Beat Washington** 11-0.
 8/17: **Beat Kansas City** 15-1.
 8/18: **Beat Kansas City** 7-1 (Clarkson struck out 16)
 8/23: **Beat Detroit** 4-0 (Clarkson 1-hitter).

8/24: **Beat Boston** 18-6 (Flynn). Anson doubled, homered and scored 6 runs (ML record since tied).
 8/26: **Beat Boston** 10-4 (Clarkson). CWS in 1st place.
 8/27: **Beat Philadelphia** 13-1 (Flynn).
 8/30: **Beat Philadelphia** 13-10 (Flynn). CWS led 11-1 after 7 innings.

9/1: **Beat Washington** 15-2 (McCormick); Senators P Ed Crane walked 14, threw 5 wild pitches and also committed an error.
 9/2: **Beat Washington** 5-4 (Flynn). Anson hit 2-run triple in 9th.
 9/8: **Swept DH from NYG G1**: Beat Mickey Welch 12-3 (McCormick).
 Ryan hit grand slam in 8-run 6th inning. **G2**: Won 9-4 (Flynn)
 9/10: **Beat Detroit** 14-8 (McCormick). Wolverines' Dan Brouthers hit 3 HRs, a 2B and a single.
 9/11: **Beat Detroit** 14-4 (Clarkson)

9/13: **Beat St. Louis** 1-0 (Flynn)
 9/22: **Beat Detroit** 6-3 (Flynn's 14th straight win). CWS players were attacked on the way to Detroit's stadium.
 10/7: **Beat Boston** 8-4 (Clarkson). CWS clinched pennant.
 10/9: **Beat Boston** 12-3 (Clarkson).

League:

RULE: **Seven balls** was a **walk** (up from 6).
 RULE: Pitchers were no longer required to have both feet on ground prior to delivering the pitch.
 RULE: Bats no longer could have a flattened side.

Trend: Owners limited salaries to \$2K maximum and charged players for use of uniforms and 50c/day traveling expenses.

- League now computed **stolen bases**.
- Season extended to 124 games.
- Two new entries: **Kansas City Cowboys** and **Washington Nationals**. Cowboys lasted 1 year, Nationals 4 years.
- **Ladies Day** began in Cincinnati – female fans came out to see P Tony Mullane.
 Cincinnati club included SS Frank Fennelly (117 errors)
- Northwest League included **William Hoy** (aka Dummy, for his inability to hear)
 Hoy required umpires to visually indicate with hands/arms if player was safe or out. Hoy joined the NL in 1888.
- **Detroit** won 15 games in a row and went 17-1-1 vs. Washington
- **St. Louis** dropped out after the season.
- **Louisville** P Guy Hecker won 25 games plus won the batting title (.341).
- AA began using the **coach's box** on the 1st and 3rd base lines.
 Move prevented/limited coaches from interfering with on-field play.
- First issue of *The Sporting News* was published in March.

First Year: Pre-Negro League star IF **Frank Grant**

Championship Series: Small crowds saw early contests. Both teams carried hard feelings from 1885 post-season series. It was alleged that some of the players were planning to tank the contests.
 CWS was 10-8 odds to win best of 7 series.
 A local Chicago gambler failed in his attempt to protect his investment by providing St. Louis Browns players with women and alcohol.

Game 1: October 18 Won 6-0 (Clarkson 5-hitter)

Game 2: October 19 Lost 12-0 in 8 innings (McCormick). CWS lone hit was a single. Three umpires supervised the game.

Game 3: October 20 Won 11-4 (Clarkson). Gore and Kelly each hit homers.

Game 4: October 21 Lost 8-5 in 7 innings (Clarkson).

Game 5: October 22 Lost 10-3. Williamson, normally an infielder, replaced sore-armed McCormick, Clarkson & Flynn.

Game 6: October 23 Lost 4-3 in 10 innings on Clarkson's wild pitch.

Pfeffer homered. Browns scored 3 runs in 8th inning to tie the game. Game ended in controversy:

Clarkson disputed hitting Curt Welch. Anson argued for 15 minutes claiming that Welch *tried* to get hit.

Umpire then reversed his decision. Welch eventually singled and scored the winning run on a steal of home and Clarkson's wild heave toward C King Kelly. Welch's

Post Mortem: Angry GM Spalding refused to pay players' train fare back to Chicago.

House cleaning: Kelly, McCormick, Gore, and Dalrymple were gone. Clarkson was traded to Boston a year later.

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1887

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Detroit Wolverines | 79-45 | | .299 | .925 |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 75-48 | | | |
| Chicago White Stockings | 71-50 | 3.46 (1) | .271 (5) | .914 (4) |
| New York Giants | 68-55 | | | |
| Boston Beaneaters | 61-60 | | | |
| Pittsburgh Alleghenys | 55-69 | | | |
| Washington Nationals | 46-76 | | | |
| Indianapolis Hoosiers | 37-89 | | | |

FA: 472 errors; C Daly. Pfeffer and OF Marty Sullivan led NL in errors. Ryan with 33 outfield assists.

Home: 44-18 Away: 27-32

Best: Indianapolis 13-5, NYG 11-6, Philadelphia 12-6, Washington 11-7, Boston 9-6.

Worst: Pittsburgh 5-12.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|--------------------|-----|--------|------|---|
| John Clarkson | 523 | 38-21 | 3.08 | Led NL in wins, games, and IP; 237 strikeouts |
| Mark Baldwin | 334 | 18-17 | 3.40 | |
| George Van Haltren | 161 | 11- 7 | 3.86 | |

Staff led NL in strikeouts

Mark Baldwin on club for 2 years, then onto Players League. Career: 156-165 with 5 teams.

George Van Haltren. Obtained from Pittsburgh in trade for McCormick; spent last 10 years with NYG.

Van Haltren was in California to be near dying mother, but club compelled him to report anyway or be blacklisted.

After his mother died in May. Van Haltren reported soon after. Career .316/2,532 hits and 583 SB

Trades: OF/C **Mike "King" Kelly** was sold to Boston for \$10,000. First cash transaction in ML.

Kelly was in trouble for carousing during championship series with St. Louis.

Boston then raised Kelly's salary from \$2,250 to \$5,000. Kelly led league in stolen bases with 84 in 1887.

Jim McCormick to Pittsburgh for P George Van Haltren. Umpire-baiting **Patsy Tebeau** was on club for 1 year.

OF Abner Dalrymple sent to Pittsburgh; OF George Gore to NYG. Gore was reluctant to go.

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | SB | EBH | |
|-------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|----|-----|---|
| 1B Cap Anson | 472 | 107 | 164 | 7 | 102 | .347 | 27 | 53 | 2 nd in BA, 3 rd in RBI |
| 2B Fred Pfeffer | 513 | 95 | 167 | 16 | 89 | .326 | 57 | 43 | 3 rd in HR |
| OF Billy Sunday | 199 | 41 | 58 | 3 | 32 | .291 | 34 | 15 | |
| OF Jimmy Ryan | 508 | 117 | 145 | 11 | 74 | .285 | 50 | 44 | |
| OF Marty Sullivan | 472 | 98 | 134 | 7 | 77 | .284 | 35 | 36 | rookie-record 16 triples |
| C Tom Daly | 278 | 45 | 75 | 2 | 17 | .270 | 29 | 16 | |
| SS Ned Williamson | 439 | 77 | 117 | 9 | 78 | .267 | 45 | 43 | |
| 3B Tommy Burns | 424 | 57 | 112 | 3 | 60 | .264 | 32 | 33 | |
| P John Clarkson | 215 | 40 | 52 | 6 | 25 | .242 | 6 | 16 | |

Club: 1st in HRs (80; Detroit 2nd with 59); 2nd in stolen bases (382; NYG with 415); 813 runs (5th).

Eliminating walks counted as hits, Anson's .421 BA was reduced to .347. Anson collected 17 hits in final 5 games.

Rookie IF **Tom Daly** (career: .280) played solid ball for Brooklyn from 1890-1901.

Injuries: P Jocko Flynn (arm, see below), IF Oliver Patsy Tebeau (stomach).

Tableau was hit in stomach by line drive. Tableau's on-field behavior – insulting and obnoxious bench jockeying was perhaps one reason for the sports decline in the 1890s.

Club:

- Attendance: 217,070.
- Due to younger personnel, **team was called the Colts**. Name didn't stick until 1890.
- P **Jocko Flynn**, unable to regain strength in arm, struggled with alcohol. Played 1 game then left baseball for good.
- Before being traded to Boston, **Mike Kelly** sought post-season \$375 bonus. Spalding refused, reminding King Kelly of his accumulated \$225 in fines for drinking. Trade was very unpopular with CWS fans.

- Club began 11-15, went 31-13 during June/July, but dropped to 2nd in July.

July: **Anson again refused to play exhibition game** with Newark of International League.
Newark squad included 2 black players – **Moses Fleetwood Walker** (again), and **P George Stovey**.

Season:

- 4/30: **Lost to Pittsburgh** 6-2 (Clarkson)
- 5/7: **Lost to Pittsburgh** 10-8 (Clarkson). Pfeffer, Clarkson and Ryan each homered.
- 5/17: **Lost to Washington** 16-6 (Baldwin). OF Marty Sullivan collected 4 hits, including 3 triples.
- 5/18: **Lost to Washington** 11-4 (Geiss). OF Marty Sullivan tied ML record by committing 5 errors in a 9-inning game.
- 5/30: **Swept DH from NYG. G1:** won 12-11 (Baldwin). Giant pitchers walked 17 (16 by P Bill George).
CWS scored 6 in bottom of 9th to win. **G2:** Won 3-2 (Clarkson)
- 5/31: **Lost to NY Giants** 11-8 (Baldwin). Giants' Jim O'Rourke and Pete Gillespie hit back-to-back inside the park home runs.
- 6/24: **Beat Boston** 15-13 (Clarkson). Wild game: CWS scored 8 runs in 6th inning, Boston countered with 6 in 9th inning.
- 6/27: **Lost to Boston** 17-11 (Van Haltren). Van Haltren walked 16 batters and hit 2 others.
- 7/5: **Beat NYG** 15-3 (Van Haltren)
- 7/9: **Beat Philadelphia** 5-3 (Clarkson's 11th straight win).
- 7/13: **Lost to Washington** 3-0 (Baldwin).
- 8/1: **Beat Washington** 13-0 (Clarkson). Clarkson also homered. CWS scored 8 runs in 6th inning.
- 8/6: **Lost to NY Giants** 9-8 (Van Haltren) despite fantastic catch by OF Billy Sunday in bleachers.
- 8/9: **Lost to Philadelphia** 17-4 (Baldwin). CWS had only 1 hit – a HR by Pfeffer.
- 8/10: **Beat Philadelphia** 14-3 (Clarkson).
- 8/15: **Beat Detroit** 6-4 (Clarkson). For only a day, CWS took over 1st place.
- 8/16: **Lost to Detroit** 5-3 (Clarkson). Detroit returned to 1st place.
- 9/5: **Beat Detroit** 11-7 (Clarkson). Clarkson's 9th win vs. Detroit.
- 9/13 **Beat Philadelphia** 16-13 (Ryan for Baldwin). Ryan won in relief and went 6-6 at the plate (3 walks, a single, double, and HR).
- 9/14: **Beat Philadelphia** 17-12 in 8 (Clarkson). Anson (3-5) went on a tear in final games – 17 hits in final 5 games.
- 9/28: **Split DH with Pittsburgh. G1:** Lost 6-5 (Clarkson). **G2:** Won 4-1 (Van Haltren).
- 9/29: **Split DH vs. Pittsburgh. G1:** Won 4-0 (Baldwin). Anson had 3 hits. **G2:** Lost 5-2 (Baldwin).
- 10/3: **Beat Indianapolis** 8-2 (Clarkson).

League:

RULE: **Walk** now required 5 balls (down from 7); amended again in 1889.

Strike zone further defined: top of shoulder to bottom of knee.

RULE: For 1 year, **a walk was tabulated as a hit**. Twenty players hit .400. After a retroactive adjustment – none.

RULE: Batters were no longer permitted to call out for desired pitch.

RULE: Batter was allowed 1st base after he was hit by a pitch. AA had this rule earlier.

- **Stolen bases** were counted (see 1886). Taking an extra base on a play was also counted as a stolen base.
Player/inventor **Robert Keating** made a home plate of rubber with a black border.
The wood (or stone) version caused too many injuries.
- Following AA: NL began using **the coach's box** to keep 1st & 3rd base coaches from interfering with on-field play.
- **Detroit** obtained Buffalo Four: 3B Deacon White, 1B Dan Brouthers, SS Jack Rowe, and OF Hardy Richardson.
Despite winning pennant in 1887, Detroit suffered poor attendance in small-market Detroit. Team folded in 1889.
- **Philadelphia** made '87 race close with 16 game winning streak at end of season.
Phillies took 17 of 18 games vs. Indianapolis.
Club moved to Huntington Grounds
- **Indianapolis** re-entered the NL; club remained through 1889 season.
NL added the **Pittsburgh Alleghenys** (later **Pittsburgh Pirates**).
- **C Charles "Chief" Zimmer** another catcher who moved behind the plate. Catchers normally stood 10-20' away.

6/11: NY beat Washington 26-2.
6/15: NY beat Philadelphia 29-1
6/28: Philadelphia beat Indianapolis 24-0

- Approximately 20 blacks played professional baseball throughout the country.
 - July 14: reported in newspaper – International League owners adopted **NL's unwritten code** to not tender any contracts to blacks.
 - Winter of 87-88** – clause in NL constitution limited number of blacks per team.
- AA: now **4 strikes for a strikeout**.
- Some AA stars recorded gaudy stats:
 - Baltimore Orioles' Matt Kilroy – only in his 2nd season, pitched 589 innings and won 46 games.
 - St. Louis Browns' **Tip O'Neill** won the batter's triple crown: 225 hits, 52 doubles, and .435 BA (corrected from .492).
 - Browns won 15 games in a row during the season and took 18 of 19 games vs. Cleveland.
 - 14-year-old **Fred Chapman**, the youngest player to ever play, pitched into 5th inning with 6-4 lead. Game ended in a tie.

First Year: P Gus Weyhing

Championship Series: Detroit defeated St. Louis in a best of 15 series 8 games to 3.

Browns owner refused to pay his players after they won the 6-game 1886 Championship Series vs. Chicago, nor did he pay them for any or all of the 11G 1887 Championship series vs. Detroit.

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1888

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| New York Giants | 84-47 | 1.96 | | |
| Chicago White Stockings | 77-58 | 2.96 (6) | .260 (2) | .927 (2) |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 69-61 | | | |
| Boston Beaneaters | 70-64 | | | |
| Detroit Wolverines | 68-63 | | .263 | |
| Pittsburgh Alleghenys | 66-68 | | | .927 |
| Indianapolis Hoosiers | 50-85 | | | |
| Washington Nationals | 48-86 | | | |

FA: 417 errors; led in double plays (112). 1B Anson led in FA; 2B Pfeffer led in errors. OF Ryan led in assists (34)

Home: 43-27 Away: 34-31

Best: Indianapolis 14-6, Washington 13-6, Boston 12-7, NYG 11-8

Worst: Philadelphia 8-10, Pittsburgh 9-11

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|--------------------|-----|--------|------|--------------------------|
| Gus Krok | 340 | 24-14 | 2.44 | Krok's only good season. |
| Mark Baldwin | 251 | 13-15 | 2.76 | |
| George Van Haltren | 246 | 13-13 | 3.52 | |
| John Tener | 102 | 7- 5 | 2.74 | |
| George Borchers | 67 | 4- 4 | 3.49 | |
| Ad Gumbert | 48+ | 3- 3 | 3.14 | |
| Frank Dwyer | 42 | 4- 1 | 1.07 | |
| Jimmy Ryan | 38+ | 4- 0 | 3.05 | |

Frank Dwyer for 2 years, then onto Players League. 173-141 – mostly with Cincinnati?

Krok went to Indianapolis in 1889 and the Players League in 1890.

Baldwin went to AA in 1889 and Players League in 1890.

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | SB | EBH | |
|-----------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|----|-----|---|
| 1B Cap Anson | 515 | 101 | 177 | 12 | 84 | .344 | 28 | 44 | 1 st in BA & RBIs, 2 nd in hits |
| OF Jimmy Ryan | 549 | 115 | 182 | 16 | 64 | .332 | 60 | 59 | See below |
| OF George Van Haltren | 318 | 46 | 90 | 4 | 34 | .283 | 21 | 27 | |
| OF Hugh Duffy | 298 | 60 | 84 | 7 | 41 | .282 | 13 | 21 | |
| 2B Fred Pfeffer | 517 | 90 | 129 | 8 | 57 | .250 | 64 | 40 | 4 th in stolen bases |
| SS Ned Williamson | 452 | 75 | 113 | 8 | 73 | .250 | 25 | 31 | |
| 3B Tommy Burns | 483 | 60 | 115 | 3 | 70 | .238 | 34 | 21 | |
| OF Marty Sullivan | 314 | 40 | 74 | 7 | 39 | .236 | 9 | 25 | |
| C Duke Farrell | 241 | 34 | 56 | 3 | 19 | .232 | 1 | 12 | |
| C Tom Daly | 219 | 34 | 42 | 0 | 29 | .192 | 10 | 8 | |

Club 1st in runs (734), HRs (77), triples, and Slugging (.383)

Ryan 1st in HRs, hits, doubles (33), Slugging (.535) and TB (283); 2nd in runs, BA and EBH (59); 5th in stolen bases (60).

Ryan hit 4 of his career 19 homers leading off the game.

C **Duke Farrell** spent 2 years with club, then onto Players League. Career: .280 BA.

Hugh Duffy, a rookie, spent 2 years with club (.297 in 207G). Member of **Hall of Fame** in 1945.

Career: .324 (2,282 hits and 574 SB) mostly with the Boston Braves and later coached the Chicago White Sox.

Trades: P **John Clarkson**'s contract sold to Pittsburgh – went on to Boston and further fame.

As a Boston Beaneater, Clarkson went 166-92 in next 5 years (33-18 average). Best season: 1889, going 49-19.

P **Frank Dwyer**: Career 173-141; spent 2 years with club before jumping to Players League in 1890.

Club:

- Attendance: 228,906.
- Team was also known as the **Rainmakers** due to series of games postponed due to the weather, and **Black Stockings** for the dark socks the players wore for 2 years and were hence called the **Black Sox**.
- P **John Tener** later partial term as US Congressman, Governor of Pennsylvania, and President of NL in 1913.

- Club began 18-4. Club in 1st place in July until swept by Indianapolis in 3-game series and lost 2 of 3 to the lowly Washington Nationals.
- CWS had 3 winning streaks of 6 games and 1 streak of 6 straight losses.
- Team had audience with US **President Cleveland** during September series with Washington.
- Between 1888-89, Spalding took Anson, Jimmy Ryan, Fred Pfeffer, Ned Williamson and a host of players, plus an “All American” squad that included Ned Hanlon and Monty Ward for a **World Tour**.
- **Tour** began in St. Paul, Minnesota. The players then traveled west to California (Los Angeles). Overseas visits included Hawaii (70 years before statehood), New Zealand, Australia, Sri Lanka (then known as Ceylon), Egypt – where the players sat atop the sacred Sphinx. The players then sojourned to continental Europe, visiting Naples, Paris, plus various sites in the UK (England, Ireland, and Scotland during a snowy blizzard).

All but one player returned in April 1899: SS Ned Williamson injured his knee on 3/8 and was left behind by Spalding, who made Williamson pay his own way home.

Chicago White Sox owner Charles Comiskey and NY Giants coach John McGraw took their players on two similar tours in the 1900s.

Season:

- 4/20: **Beat Indianapolis** 5-4 (Van Haltren) Jimmy Ryan and Bob Pettit each homered.
Police had to break up fight between CWS and Indianapolis players in the 1st and 5th innings.
Those involved paid \$15 fines in court the next day and \$25 to the League.
- 4/23: **Beat Indianapolis** 11-10 (Clarke) CWS fell behind 7-2 in the 5th.
Former CWS Paul Hines was hit in head by pitch leading off game.
- 5/1: **Beat Indianapolis** 8-4 (Van Haltren).
- 5/5: **Beat Washington** 10-0 (Van Haltren)
5/9: **Beat Washington** 13-2 (Krock)
5/15: **Lost to Boston and former CWS John Clarkson** 20-5 in 6 innings (Van Haltren).
5/18: **Beat Boston** 13-0 in 5 innings (P George Borchers).
- 6/12: **Beat NYG** 4-2 (Ryan for Borchers). Ryan homered and won game by pitching 8 innings in relief.
6/21: **Beat Pittsburgh** 1-0 (Van Haltren pitched 6-inning no-hitter).
6/22: **Beat Pittsburgh and Pud Galvin** 12-6 (Brynan) **CWS at 32-14 and in 1st place by 3 ½ games.**
- 7/12: **Lost to Washington** 22-9 (Brynan)
7/24: **Lost to Indianapolis** 4-1 (Krock). CWS no longer in 1st place.
7/27: **Lost to Detroit** 9-5 (Van Haltren). Club’s 6th straight loss.
7/28: **Beat Detroit** 21-17 (Ryan for Baldwin). Jimmy Ryan also hit for the cycle, including 2 HR, 2 triples and 2 singles?
- 8/14: **Beat NYG** 4-2 (Krok). CWS stopped NYG P Tim Keefe’s 19 game winning streak.
8/24: **Beat Detroit** 14-4 (Krok’s 20th win). Anson 5-5, Ryan 4-5.
8/30: **Beat Indianapolis** 1-0 (Krok).
8/31: **Lost to Indianapolis** 14-0 (Tener).
- 9/7: **Beat Boston** 11-9 (Baldwin). CWS scored 4 runs in the 9th.
9/11: **Beat NYG** 5-3 (Tener). OF Duffy made great catch deep in outfield, falling beneath horse-drawn carriage during the play.
9/12: **Beat NYG** by forfeit (Krock). NYG were unable to replace their C Buck Ewing.
9/18: **Lost to Philadelphia** 6-0 (Krock). CWS lone hit was Krok’s single with 1 out in 9th.
- 9/20: **Swept DH vs. Washington. G1:** won 11-0 (Frank Dwyer’s 1st ML start). **G2:** won 5-1 (Gumbert)
10/8 **Beat Washington** 11-6 (Tener)
10/9: **Beat Washington** 13-4 (Dwyer)
10/13: **Forfeited game to Philadelphia.** Cubs believed the game would have been called on account of heavy rain.

League:

RULE: Three strikes for a **strikeout** (down from 4).

RULE: **Walks** were no longer computed as hits, nor were they counted as an official at bat.

RULE: Batter was awarded a hit if his batted ball hit a runner.

RULE: Ground rule double for balls bouncing over fences less than 210’ from home plate (refined in 1892).

RULE: Pitchers were charged with an error for any walks, hit batters, or wild pitches (eliminated the next year).

RULE: Batters were credited a hit if hit by a pitch. .

Walks by pitcher now a statistic

10/5: Pittsburgh's P Pud Galvin won his 300th career game.

- Boston's Grand Pavilion opened.
- Detroit lost 16 straight games. Club folded after season.
- Ernest Thayer's "*Casey at the Bat*" in print.

- NYG P **Tim Keefe** won the pitcher's Triple Crown. Season included 19-game winning streak (see 8/14 above)
- Future Chicago Pirates (1890) Charles Frederick "Silver" King won 45 games with St. Louis of AA. King's career: 203-152.

First Year: 1B **Jake Beckley**, OF **Ed Delahanty**, OF William Ellsworth "Dummy" Hoy.

Delahanty's .346 career BA is 4th highest in ML

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1889

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|--------------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| New York Giants | 83-43 | | .282 | |
| Boston Beaneaters | 83-45 | 3.36 | | |
| Chicago White Stockings | 67-65 | 3.73 (4) | .276 (3) | .923 (5) |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 63-64 | | | |
| Pittsburgh Alleghenys | 61-71 | | | |
| Cleveland Spiders | 61-72 | | | .936 |
| Indianapolis Hoosiers | 59-75 | | | |
| Washington Nationals | 41-83 | | | |

FA: 463 errors; 1B Anson and Burns led respective positions in errors. Ryan collected 36 outfield assists.

Home: 37-30 Away: 30-35

Best: Indianapolis 13-7, Washington 12-7, Cleveland 11-9.

Worst: NYG 5-13, Boston 7-10, Philadelphia 9-10.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|----------------|-----|--------|------|--------|
| Bill Hutchison | 318 | 16-17 | 3.54 | |
| Fred Dwyer | 276 | 16-13 | 3.59 | |
| John Tener | 287 | 15-15 | 3.64 | |
| Ad Gumbert | 246 | 16-13 | 3.62 | rookie |
| Gus Krok | | 3- 3 | | |

Staff allowed 10+ runs 26 times.

Rookie **Wild Bill Hutchison** 1889-95 (180-158). Cubs' **All-time list:** 1st in losses and walks, 2nd in IP, 3rd in wins, 6th in games pitched and strikeouts. Later pitched for St. Louis.

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | SB | EBH | |
|-----------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|----|-----|--------------------------------------|
| 1B Cap Anson | 518 | 100 | 177 | 7 | 117 | .342 | 27 | 46 | 3 rd in BA, RBIs and hits |
| OF Jimmy Ryan | 576 | 140 | 187 | 17 | 72 | .325 | 45 | 62 | See below |
| OF George van Haltren | 543 | 126 | 168 | 9 | 81 | .309 | 28 | 39 | |
| OF Hugh Duffy | 584 | 144 | 182 | 12 | 89 | .305 | 52 | 40 | 5 th in HR |
| P John Tener | 150 | 18 | 41 | 1 | 19 | .273 | 2 | 7 | |
| C Duke Farrell | 407 | 66 | 101 | 11 | 75 | .248 | 13 | 37 | |
| 3B Tommy Burns | 525 | 64 | 127 | 4 | 66 | .242 | 18 | 37 | |
| SS Ned Williamson | 173 | 16 | 41 | 1 | 30 | .237 | 2 | 5 | |
| 2B Fred Pfeffer | 531 | 85 | 121 | 7 | 77 | .228 | 45 | 29 | |

Club 1st in HRs (79), 2nd in runs (867)

Ryan's 62 EBH tied for 1st, 3rd in runs, HR and 4th in Hits.

Ryan's 6 leadoff HRs was **ML record** later broken by Bobby Bonds in 1973.

Trades: P Gus Krok was released. 3B Ned Williamson was injured while team was playing overseas (Paris).

Club:

- Attendance: 149,175.
- Team returned from European tour late March, plus had audience with President Harrison in mid-April.
- Anson sought John Deery in plans for new park. Advent of the **Players League** (in 1890) changed those plans.
- After the 1889 season ended, Fred Pfeffer, Jimmy Ryan, Fred Williamson, Farrell, Fred Dwyer, Ad Gumbert, Hugh Duffy, and George Van Haltren all fled to the new **Players League**.
The Players League lasted 1 year. All but 2 players returned to the CWS. Duffy and Van Haltren signed on with other clubs and enjoyed greater success: Duffy with the Boston Braves (Hall of Fame, 1945) and Van Haltren with the NY Giants.

7/24: CWS charged only one admission for DH vs. Indianapolis. Prior – club charged admission to each game of DH.

Season:

- 4/24: **Lost to Pittsburgh** 8-5 (Hutchison)
5/8: **Lost to Pittsburgh** 3-2 (Krock). Alleghenys scored 2 runs in the 9th while 2 CWS outfielders recovered after colliding.
5/9: **Beat Pittsburgh** 7-6 (Tener). Cub P Gumbert hit grand slam.
5/17: **Beat Washington** 11-4 (Krock). CWS scored 8 runs in the 8th inning.
5/23: **Beat NY Giants** 18-17 in 10 innings (Gumbert). CWS scored 7 runs in 9th tying the game.
- 6/6: **Beat Indianapolis** 11-10 (Tener)
6/19: **Lost to Philadelphia** 14-13 (Hutchison). CWS had 12-4 lead in the 4th.
6/24: **Beat NY Giants** 6-0 (Gumbert 1-hitter).
- 7/6: **Beat Washington** 14-6 (Dwyer).
7/16: **Beat NY Giants** 13-10 (Hutchison). Back and forth game: CWS led 7-0, were behind 10-7 then scored 6 in 8th for the win.
7/19: **Beat Boston** 13-6 (Tener)
- 7/24: **Split DH with Indianapolis. G1:** won 3-2 (Tener). **G2:** lost 6-3 (Gumbert)
7/25: **Beat Indianapolis** 7-6 in 11 (Dwyer). CWS needed 3 runs in bottom of inning for win
7/27: **Swept DH from Indianapolis. G1:** 17-5 (Tener) **G2:** 15-2 (Gumbert)
7/29: **Beat Pittsburgh** 13-8 (Dwyer).
- 8/9: **Beat Boston** 9-0 (Tener). Duffy hit 2 inside the park HRs – 1st of 2 CWS to do so (next: 1901).
8/14: **Beat Philadelphia** 19-7 (Gumbert). CWS scored 10 runs in 1st inning.
8/17: **Beat Washington** 8-5 (Hutchison). Jimmy Ryan hit grand slam in 6th inning.
8/27: **Beat Cleveland** 12-11 (Dwyer).
- 9/4: **Beat Philadelphia** 15-8 (Tener).
9/17: **Beat Indianapolis** 19-8 in 7 innings (Gumbert).
9/19: **Beat Cleveland** 19-10 (Tener).

League:

RULE: To speed up the game, a walk was reduced to 4 balls.

RULE: On a limited basis, teams were able to use **substitute players**.

Previously, players could be removed if injured or was switched to a different position.

RULE: Pitchers were not charged with an error for walks, hit batters, wild pitches, and balks.

- Strikeouts and HBP were now a statistic.
- While **Monty Ward** was in Europe on a World Tour, Indianapolis owner **John Brush** sneaked in a **player classification** rule: players were graded from A to E and pay scales were fixed (\$2,500 - \$1,500). Ward, also a lawyer, contested the NL's reserve clause.
- Player-owner confrontations led to the formation of the **Players League (PL)** in 1890.
 - The PL was also known as Brotherhood of Professional Base Ball Players.
 - **Chicago Pirates**, the local PL entry, played in a wooden park directly east of what would later be Comiskey Park. Thanks to the PL, the players' salaries were the highest.
- **Cleveland** returned to the NL, this time as the **Spiders**. Washington and Indianapolis dropped out after the season.
- Former CWS **John Clarkson** won 49 games with Boston and won the pitcher's Triple Crown.
- AA's Brooklyn Bridegrooms set 19th century record for attendance (300K).
- AA's Louisville Colonels went 27-111 (.196) suffered a 26-game losing streak and 4 coaching changes. Colonels went 1-19 vs. Brooklyn, 2-18 vs. Cincinnati and 2-18-1 vs. St. Louis.

First Year: P Amos Rusie

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1890

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|------------------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|
| Brooklyn Bridegrooms | 86- 53 | | | .940 |
| Chicago Colts | 84- 53 | 3.24 (5) | .260 (3) | .939 (2) |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 78- 54 | | .269 | |
| Cincinnati Reds | 77- 55 | 2.79 | | |
| Boston Beaneaters | 76- 57 | | | |
| New York Giants | 63- 68 | | | |
| Cleveland Spiders | 44- 88 | | | |
| Pittsburgh Alleghenys | 23-113 | | | |

FA: 344 errors (Brooklyn with 320). SS Cooney in FA

Home: 48-24 Away: 35-29

Best: Pittsburgh 17-3, NYG 13-6, Cleveland 13-7, Cincinnati 12-8, Boston 11-8.

Worst: Philadelphia 8-10, Brooklyn 9-11.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|-----------------|-----|--------|------|---------------------------------------|
| Bill Hutchison | 603 | 42-25 | 2.70 | 289 Ks, 65 complete games, 5 shutouts |
| Pat Luby | 268 | 20- 9 | 3.19 | Rookie |
| Ed Stein | 161 | 12- 6 | 3.81 | |
| Mike Sullivan | 96 | 5- 6 | 4.59 | CWS were 2 nd of 9 teams. |
| Roscoe Coughlin | 95 | 4- 4 | 4.26 | |

Hutchison was last ML pitcher to pitch 600+ innings (1892). From 1890-92, Hutchison pitched in 212 games

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | SB | EBH | |
|---------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|----|-----|-------------------------|
| 1B Cap Anson | 504 | 95 | 157 | 7 | 107 | .312 | 29 | 26 | 3 rd in runs |
| OF Cliff Carroll | 582 | 134 | 166 | 7 | 65 | .285 | 34 | 29 | 2 nd in runs |
| OF Walt Wilmot | 571 | 114 | 159 | 14 | 99 | .278 | 76 | 41 | See below |
| 3B Tommy Burns | 538 | 86 | 149 | 6 | 86 | .277 | 44 | 28 | |
| SS Jimmy Cooney | 574 | 114 | 156 | 4 | 52 | .272 | 45 | 33 | |
| 2B Bob Glenalvin | 250 | 43 | 67 | 4 | 26 | .268 | 30 | 17 | |
| IF/OF Howard Earl | 384 | 57 | 95 | 6 | 51 | .247 | 17 | 19 | |
| C Malachi Kittridge | 333 | 46 | 67 | 3 | 35 | .201 | 7 | 14 | |
| P Bill Hutchison | 261 | 28 | 53 | 2 | 27 | .203 | 6 | 11 | |
| OF Jim Andrews | 202 | 32 | 38 | 3 | 32 | .188 | 11 | 9 | |

Club 1st in HRs (68; Brooklyn 2nd with 43); 2nd in runs (847)

Wilmot: 1st in HRs, 4th in Total Bases (240) and Stolen Bases

Anson's 112 walks were club record that lasted 21 years.

C Malachi Jeddiah Kittridge spent 16 years in ML

Trades: Walt Wilmot came from Washington Nationals. Wilmot is 6th on Cubs' **All-time list** in stolen bases (292).
Former CWS OF Jimmy Ryan hit .340 in Players League and returned to CWS before 1891 season.

Rookies: OF Howard Earl, Bob Glenalvin, SS Jimmy Cooney, OF Walt Wilmot, and OF Cliff Carroll.

Club:

- Attendance: 102,536.
- Club was called the **Colts** for the number of young players Anson was called to manage.
- Several CWS players signed on to the **Chicago Pirates** of the Players League before the 1890 season.
Pirates played their games at **South Side Park II** (35th and Wentworth)
Anson, Burns, Wilmot, and Hutchison remained with the parent club.
GM Al Spalding had stores handing out free tickets to beef up attendance in hopes to impress the press corp.
- Some accounts have Cubs with 83 wins
Thanks to 2 lengthy winning streaks (8 and 11 games), CWS went 19-1 from 8/25 – 9/18.
- Rookie **Pat Luby** died in 1899 at 31. His 17 straight wins (8/6 – 10/13) was ML record for rookies.
Ed Stein also a rookie – best years were ahead with the Dodgers, winning 27 games/ea in 1892 and 1894.

Season:

- 4/19: **Beat Cincinnati** 5-4 (Hutchison). Wilmot homered in 3rd inning.
4/22: **Beat Cincinnati** 13-3 (Coughlin).
4/29: **Beat Pittsburgh** 9-4 (Coughlin) on home opener.
- 5/5: **Tied Pittsburgh** 2-2 (Hutchison). Played on a cold day, only 125 attended.
5/8: **Beat Cincinnati** 18-9 (Hutchison). CWS scored 12 runs in 6th inning.
Hutchison homered, and Howard Earl hit a grand slam.
5/23: **Beat Philadelphia** 10-8 (Hutchison) but outcome was over-ruled due to umpire error.
5/29: **Lost to Brooklyn** 8-4 (Coughlin)
5/30: **Swept DH from Brooklyn. G1:** won 6-4 (Hutchison). **G2:** won 11-7 (Hutchison).
Hutchison was 1st of 2 CWS to pitch 2 complete game victories in 1 day (2nd: 1908)
- 6/2: **Beat Pittsburgh** 14-1 (Hutchison).
6/3: **Beat Pittsburgh** 8-7 (Coughlin). Innocents' Jake Beckley and Jocko Fields with back-to-back inside the park HRs.
6/12: **Beat Pittsburgh** 16-3 (Hutchison).
6/27: **Lost to Brooklyn** 7-2 (Hutchison).
- 7/22: **Beat NY Giants** 14-7 (Luby)
7/31: **Beat Boston** 4-1 (Stein 2-hitter).
- 8/6: **Split DH with Cleveland. G1:** Lost 8-1 **to rookie Cy Young** (Hutchison). **G2:** Won 7-1 (Luby).
8/8: **Beat Cleveland** 7-0 (Hutchison 1-hitter). Hutchison lost his no-hitter with 2 out in 9th.
8/12: **Beat Pittsburgh** 13-12 in 12 innings (Hutchison)
8/16: **Beat Pittsburgh** 18-5 (Hutchison). First time in ML two players (Burns and Kittridge) hit a grand slam in same inning.
Both took place during a 13-run 5th inning.
8/22: **Beat Brooklyn** 1-0 (Stein). Stein aided his cause by driving in game's only run in the 9th inning.
- 9/5: **Beat Cincinnati** 12-8 (Ruby). Ruby hit 3 batters in row, 4 for the game.
9/8: **Beat Pittsburgh** 7-3 (Stein). Elmer Foster hit grand slam in 1st.
9/9: **Beat Pittsburgh** 12-4 (Hutchison).
9/12: **Swept DH from Cleveland: G1:** won 17-2 (Luby). **G2:** 11-4 (Hutchison)
9/22: **Beat Brooklyn** 14-1 in 8 innings (Luby).
9/29: **Beat Boston** 3-0 (Hutchison 1-hitter).
10/3: **Beat NY Giants** 3-2 in 7 innings (Luby's 17th straight win).

League:

RULE: Defacing the ball was outlawed

RULE: Batter hitting a sacrifice fly was not charged with an at bat.

- **Three separate leagues** playing simultaneously: NL, AA, and the upstart **Players League**.
Number would be reduced to a single league by 1892.
 - Lone year for the **Players League**: Players revolted when NL instituted salary scale (A-E, paying \$2,500 - \$1,500)
 - **American Association** overextended itself by expanding to 12 teams. League folded after 1890 season.
- **Pittsburgh** Alleghenys were renamed the **Innocents**; the **Philadelphia** (Quakers) changed their name to the **Phillies**.
- **NL added 2 solid former AA teams** – **Brooklyn** and **Cincinnati**. Cincinnati Red Stockings were re-named **Reds**.
Brooklyn Bridegrooms' 1st year in NL led to a pennant! Players were paid well – less inducement to flee to Players League.
- Vendors at NY Giants' Polo Grounds introduced a food that is now a fan staple: **the hot dog**.
Polo Grounds featured short fences to left (257) and right (279).
NYG P **Amos Rusie** set dubious ML record for walks: 289.

- 6/4: **Tim Keefe** won his 300th game (342-225)
7/28: **Mickey Welch** won his 300th game (307-210)

- Sacrifice bunt more in use.
- Cincinnati catcher began using a mitt.
- CWS' **Al Spalding** had league help fund NYG owner (\$62,500-\$80,000) to stay afloat.
- **John T. Brush** principal owner of Cincinnati Reds – later owned NYG.
- AA's **Louisville** team went from last (1899) to 1st in 1890.

Streaks: **Philadelphia** won 16 games in a row.

Pittsburgh suffered losing streaks of 14, 16 and 23 games. Team also lost 41 straight games on the road.

- Club committed 607 errors; NYG was 7th with 449.
- Innocents went 1-27 in August, were 2-18 vs. Brooklyn
- Their .169 winning percentage is worst in ML.

First Year: P **Denton "Cy" Young**, SS **George Davis**, P **Kid Nichols**, OF **Jesse Burkett**, OF **Billy Hamilton**, 2B **Bid McPhee**

Young: career spanned through 1911, record of 511-316; record vs. Chicago: 32-12.

McPhee was last to play position without using a glove.

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1891

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Boston Beaneaters | 87-51 | 2.77 | | .938 |
| Chicago Colts | 82-53 | 3.47 (4) | .253 (5) | .932 (3) |
| New York Giants | 71-61 | | .263 | |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 68-69 | | | |
| Cleveland Spiders | 65-74 | | | |
| Brooklyn Bridegrooms | 61-76 | | | |
| Cincinnati Reds | 56-81 | | | |
| Pittsburgh Pirates | 55-80 | | | |

FA: 397 errors; SS Jimmy Cooney FA (.917); 2B Pfeffer led in putouts
Home: 43-22 **Away:** 39-31
Best: Cleveland 16-4, Cincinnati 14-6, Pittsburgh 12-6, Boston & Brooklyn 13-7.
Worst: NYG 5-13, Philadelphia 9-10.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|----------------|-----|--------|------|--------------------|
| Bill Hutchison | 561 | 43-19 | 2.81 | See below |
| Ad Gumpert | 256 | 17-11 | 3.50 | Hit .305 in 105 AB |
| Pat Luby | 206 | 8-11 | 4.76 | |
| Ed Stein | 101 | 7- 6 | 3.74 | |
| Tom Vickery | 80 | 5- 5 | 4.07 | |

Hutchison: 1st in wins, games (66), complete games (56), IP, 2nd in winning percentage (.698) and strikeouts

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | SB | EBH | |
|---------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|----|-----|-------------------------|
| 1B Cap Anson | 540 | 81 | 157 | 8 | 120 | .291 | 17 | 40 | 1 st in RBIs |
| OF Jimmy Ryan | 505 | 110 | 145 | 9 | 66 | .287 | 27 | 46 | 4 th in HR |
| OF Walt Wilmot | 498 | 102 | 139 | 11 | 71 | .279 | 42 | 35 | 3 rd in HR |
| 3B Bill Dahlen | 551 | 116 | 145 | 9 | 76 | .263 | 29 | 42 | |
| OF Cliff Carroll | 515 | 87 | 132 | 7 | 80 | .256 | 31 | 35 | |
| SS Jimmy Cooney | 465 | 84 | 114 | 0 | 42 | .245 | 21 | 18 | |
| 2B Fred Pfeffer | 498 | 93 | 123 | 7 | 77 | .247 | 40 | 28 | |
| C Malachi Kittridge | 296 | 26 | 62 | 2 | 27 | .209 | 2 | 15 | |

Club 1st in HRs (61), 3rd in runs (832)

Trades: James "Tip" O'Neill (.327 BA), P Charles "Silver" King (career: 203-152), and Arlie "Freshest Man on Earth" Latham. OF Jimmy Ryan, Ad Gumpert, and 2B Fred Pfeffer all returned from the Players League.
C William "Pop" Schriver from Philadelphia. A Cub for 4 seasons.
IF Tommy Burns (.226 in 243 AB) was sent to Pittsburgh.

Rookies: SS **Bill Dahlen** and OF Jake Stenzel.

Dahlen's career stats: .272/2,457 hits, 547 stolen bases, or .275/2,478. Eight years with Chicago.

His 106 3B is 4th on **Cubs' All-time list**, his 286 stolen bases are 8th.

Stenzel's best years were with the Pittsburgh Pirates (1893-96) and Baltimore Orioles (1897).

Career BA .338 (hit .352+ five straight years).

Club:

- Attendance: 201,188.
- CWS GM **Albert Spalding** purchased the Chicago Pirates after the PL folded.
Deal included the players, South Side Park, and related baseball equipment.
- James Hart** (1891-1905) replaced retiring Albert Spalding as team president. The two did not get along. Hart, who once managed Louisville and Boston, also had a contentious relationship with Anson. Anson believed the addition of Hart weakened his authority.
- Home games** were played at 2 separate sites:
West Side Park (Congress & Throop) on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

South Side Park II (35th & Wentworth) – near location of Comiskey Park I on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
Dimensions: LF (340'), CF (560'), RF (316'). Club played all home games at South Side Park from 1892-93.
Colts in 1st most of year but final week was their undoing: losing 2 of 3 to Cleveland and 3 more to 7th place Cincinnati.
Streaks: won 11 straight in August and had 3 separate 7-game winning streaks. CWS lost 7 in a row in June.

When Boston swept 5 games from NYG at seasons end, GM Hart and manager Anson accused NYG of throwing games.
Although nothing was proven, NYG had top players such as Roger Connor, P Buck Ewing, and P Amos Rusie sit out the crucial Boston series.

10/14: Former CWS pitcher **Larry Corcoran** died at the age of 32.

Season:

- 4/22: **Beat Pittsburgh** 7-6 in 10 innings (Luby). Rookie Bill Dahlen scored the winning run.
4/24: **Lost to Pittsburgh** 11-8 (Gumbert). Pirates' Fred Carroll and Pete Browning hit back-to-back inside the park HRs.
- 5/1: **Lost to Pittsburgh** 5-2 (Luby). CWS' home opener.
5/5: **Beat Pittsburgh** 1-0 at **South Side Park** (Stein 2-hitter). CWS pulled a triple play in 6th inning.
5/8: **Beat Cleveland** 14-12 Hutchison). CWS led 11-0 in 6th inning.
5/15: **Beat Brooklyn** 12-11 (Gumbert)
5/16: **Beat Brooklyn** 11-9 in 10 innings (Luby). Jimmy Ryan collected 5 hits/3 2B.
5/18: **Beat Brooklyn** 13-4 (Hutchison).
6/13: **Lost to NY Giants** 8-7 (Stein). Record crowd at Polo Grounds (22,289) saw NYG Roger Connor and Jim O'Rourke hit back-to-back inside the park HRs.
- 7/1: **Beat Cleveland** 9-3 (Hutchison). Ryan hit for cycle.
7/2: **Beat Cleveland** 20-5 (Luby). Ryan collected 4 hits.
7/16: **Beat Boston and former CWS John Clarkson** 8-7 in 12 innings (Gumbert).
CWS needed 3 runs in bottom of inning for win.
7/27: **Beat Cleveland** 14-8 (Hutchison). Club beat Cleveland the day before 15-14 (Nicol).
- 8/7: **Beat Boston and former ace Clarkson** 6-5 (Hutchison). Winning run scored on wild pitch.
8/20: **Beat Cleveland** 14-2 in 7 innings (Vickery)
8/22: **Beat Cleveland** 10-4 (Gumbert). OF Wilmot with no official at bat – walked 6 consecutive times.
8/25: **Beat Brooklyn** 28-5 (Luby). P Luby homered twice.
Team's 54 total bases (including 4 homers, 5 triples, 4 doubles) is club record. Anson had 5 of the teams 28 hits.
8/26: **Beat Brooklyn** 9-8 (Gumbert). CWS's 11th win in a row.
8/31: **Tied NY Giants** 0-0 after 11 innings. Hutchison pitched complete game.
- 9/4: **Beat Boston** 5-3 (Vickery).
Anson (0-3) wore fake white beard in jest toward writers who believed he was too old to play.
9/7: **Split DH with Brooklyn. G1:** lost 21-3 (Vickery). **G2:** won 9-8 (Hutchison)
9/14: **Beat Boston** 7-1 (Hutchison's 40th win)
9/15: **Beat Boston** 8-4 (Gumbert) **CWS in 1st place by 6 ½ games.**
- 9/25: **CWS and Pittsburgh were tied** 4-4 (Gumbert), CWS won by forfeit when Allegheny C would not leave field after arguing.
9/29: **Beat Cleveland** 14-13 (Vickery). CWS scored 7 runs in 3rd inning. Club was in 1st by ½ game.
9/30: **Lost to Cleveland** 12-5 in 8 innings (Gumbert). First of 3 straight losses to the Reds.
10/2: **Lost to Cincinnati** 17-16 (Vickery). Last game at West Side Park.

League:

RULE: Once a player was substituted, he could not re-enter the game.

Players League folded. Members could return to NL or AA without reprisal from either league.

Outcome: While NL or AA clubs pared down their rosters, players were offered pay cuts – some as much as 40%.

American Association's withdrawal from National Agreement (1883) led to its eventual collapse at seasons end.

- Baseball in the 1890s had its problems: **Syndication**, with some owners owning more than 1 club (see 1892).
Rowdiness was at its worst – opponents tripping each other; on-field fighting; loud profanity, rampant cheating, and umpire baiting.
Author Bill James: NL went almost entirely backward during this decade. No clear champion.
 - **Pittsburgh** Innocents now known as the **Pirates** – named after the team “pirated” Philadelphia Phillies' 2B Louis Bierbauer,
- 6/2: **Cincinnati** beat Boston 10-8. Reds' **Hoss Radbourne** won his 300th career game (career 309-195).

- **Boston** went 23-10 in September and won 18 games in a row from September 16th - October 2.
1890s: Boston P **Kid Nichols** won 30+ games 7 times.
- **NY Giants P Amos Rusie** struck out 337 batters while walking 262. Rusie walked 267 in 1892.
- **Washington SS Joe Sullivan** committed 103 errors
Nationals went 2-18 vs. Boston and 2-17-1 vs. St. Louis

Both P **Hoss Radbourne** and **Pud Galvin** introduced the **3-fingered glove**.

Following the 1891 season: NL added 4 teams from the defunct AA: St. Louis, Washington, Baltimore, and a revived Louisville.
The four teams finished in bottom of NL

First Year: OF **Joe Kelly**, SS Bill Dahlen, umpire Bob Emslie

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1892

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|-----------------------------|---------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Boston Beaneaters | 102- 48 | | | |
| Cleveland Spiders | 93- 56 | 2.42 | | |
| Brooklyn Bridegrooms | 95- 59 | | | .940 |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 87- 66 | | .262 | |
| Cincinnati Reds | 82- 68 | | .262 | |
| Pittsburgh Pirates | 80- 73 | | | |
| Chicago Colts | 70- 76 | 3.17 (5) | .235 (10) | .932 (5) |
| New York Giants | 71- 80 | | | |
| Louisville Colonels | 63- 89 | | | |
| Washington Nationals | 58- 93 | | | |
| St. Louis Maroons | 56- 94 | | | |
| Baltimore Orioles | 46-101 | | | |

FA: 424 errors

Home: 1st half: 18-18 2nd half: 18-13 Away: 1st half: 13-21 2nd half: 21-24

Best: Washington 12-2, NYG 10-4, Baltimore 7-4, St. Louis 7-5

Worst: Cleveland 3-9, Brooklyn & Boston 4-10, Philadelphia & Louisville 5-9

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA |
|----------------|-----|--------|------|
| Bill Hutchison | 627 | 37-34 | 2.74 |
| Ad Gumpert | 383 | 22-19 | 3.41 |
| Pat Luby | 247 | 10-17 | 3.13 |

Hutchison led NL in wins, strikeouts (316), games (75), complete games (67, #2 all-time).

His 627 IP is an all-time high for club. Hutchison's 181 wins places him 3rd in *Cubs All-time list*.

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | SB | EBH | |
|------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|----|-----|-----------------------------------|
| SS Bill Dahlen | 587 | 116 | 173 | 5 | 58 | .295 | 60 | 47 | 4 th in SB; 19 triples |
| OF Jimmy Ryan | 505 | 105 | 148 | 10 | 65 | .293 | 27 | 42 | 3 rd in HR |
| OF Sam Dungan | 433 | 46 | 123 | 0 | 53 | .284 | 15 | 26 | |
| 1B Cap Anson | 559 | 62 | 152 | 1 | 74 | .272 | 13 | 35 | |
| C Pop Schriver | 326 | 40 | 73 | 1 | 34 | .224 | 4 | 17 | |
| P Bill Hutchison | 263 | 23 | 57 | 1 | 22 | .217 | 8 | 16 | |
| OF Walt Wilmot | 380 | 47 | 82 | 2 | 35 | .216 | 31 | 16 | |
| 3B Jiggs Parrott | 335 | 40 | 72 | 2 | 22 | .215 | 7 | 16 | |
| 2B Jim Canavan | 439 | 48 | 73 | 0 | 32 | .166 | 33 | 21 | lowest BA with 400AB |

Club: 12th in runs (635); Brooklyn 1st with 935.

Anson's lowest BA ever, his 2nd time below .300.

Ryan collected a hit in 29 straight games – 1 short of Cal McVey's 1876 streak. Ryan scored 5+ runs 6 times

OF **Sam Dungan** 1892-94 and 1900. Career: .307.

Trades: IF Fred Pfeffer to Louisville. Light-hitting Jimmy Canavan replaced Pfeffer.

Club:

- Attendance: 109,067.
- Anson contended with GM Hart and OF Jimmy Ryan, believing the latter was insubordinate.
- **The Addition of 4 AA teams led to a split season.**
CWS went 31-39 in 1st half (8th), and 39-37 in 2nd half (7th).
- Club continued to play all their games at **South Side Park**.
- Colts won 1st 2 games then lost the next 9. Despite winning 13 in a row in May 1892 season was a sour one.
- CWS was now a low-scoring club – 300 behind Brooklyn.

Season:

- 4/12: **Beat St. Louis** 14-10 (Gumbert)
4/19: **Lost DH to Cincinnati. G1:** Lost 3-0 (Luby). Reds' Tony Mullane tossed 1-hitter. **G2:** Lost 5-2 (Hutchison)
4/23: **Lost to Louisville by forfeit** (Luby). CWS led 4-2 in 9th when Colt fans began littering and swarming the field.
- 5/7: **Beat NY Giants** 8-0 (Hutchison) Hutchison lost his no-hitter in the 9th when he gave up a single.
5/21: **Beat Pittsburgh and Pud Galvin** 1-0 (Hutchison 3-hitter). CWS collected only 2 hits.
5/28: **Beat NY Giants and Amos Rusie** 10-4. Ryan drew 5 walks.
6/6: **Lost to Baltimore** 23-1 (Luby)
6/30: **Tied Cincinnati** 7-7 in 20 innings. CWS' Gumbert and Reds' Tony Mullane each went the route.
- 7/11: **Lost to Boston** 3-2 (Hutchison). Boston club wore costumes and beards.
7/13: **Beat Philadelphia** 1-0 (Luby)
7/25: **Beat Baltimore** 10-1 (Hutchison)
- 8/2: **Beat Pittsburgh** 5-4 (Gumbert)
8/8: **Beat Cincinnati** 12-8 (Hutchison).
8/13: **Lost to Cleveland** 6-2 (Griffith).
8/15: **Lost to Baltimore** 9-2 (Hutchison) Ryan's 29 game hitting streak ended.
8/18: **Lost to Brooklyn** 7-5 (Hutchison). Anson collected 5 hits including 2 triples and a double.
- 8/25: **Beat Washington** 1-0 (Hutchison).
9/22: **Forfeited game to Pittsburgh.** CWS stalled in hopes that the game would be called.
9/28: **Split DH from Louisville. G1:** Won 5-4 (Hutchison). **G2:** Lost 5-3 (Hutchison)
Games were played in what was left of Louisville's Eclipse Park following a fire on 9/26.
9/29: **Beat Cincinnati** 10-4 (Gumbert). Ryan hit home run in 1st.
10/15: **Beat St. Louis** 1-0 (Hutchison)

League:

RULE: Any fan entering field to challenge umpire – game would be awarded to opponent.

RULE: If OF fence is less than 235' from home, fly balls hit over the fence are ruled ground-rule doubles.

Split season: Each team was scheduled to play 154 games (later reduced to 140 through 1903).

1st part of season ended on 7/15 and the second ended in mid-October.

Only 3 teams out of 12 were in the race. Despite falling in last place, Baltimore was 2 years away from a dynasty.

Rosters were cut from 15 to 13.

- **American Association folded.** NL became a 12-team monopoly having absorbed four AA teams including Baltimore Orioles, - St. Louis Browns, Washington Statesmen/Senators/Nationals), and Louisville Colonels and bought off others for \$130K.
 - In a span of two years, 3 competing leagues (NL, AA, and PL) totaling 24 teams was reduced to 1 league and 12 teams.**St. Louis** club was called the **Perfectos** and began play in Robison Field. Club was re-named the **Cardinals** in 1899.
 - **Beginning of syndicate ownership:** One group owned the Cleveland-St. Louis franchises, another group held the rights to the Baltimore-Brooklyn franchises, while a third owned the Louisville & Pittsburgh teams.
 - **Blue Laws** still in effect – no games on Sundays in Philadelphia, Boston, and NY. Admission was reduced to 25c.
- 6/6: **Benjamin Harrison** became 1st sitting US president to attend a ML game. Cincinnati beat Washington 7-4.
- 6/10: Baltimore beat St. Louis 25-4. **Wilbert Robinson** went 7-7, and drove in 11 runs (ML record until 1924)
- 9/21: Former CWS **John Clarkson** won #300th career game (career 328-178)
- 10/15: Cincinnati P **Bumpus Jones** tossed no-hitter in his 1st ML game, beating Pittsburgh 7-1.
- **Boston Beaneaters'** Tommy McCarthy was perhaps the first to use signals to batters and runners.
Boston took all 13 games from Baltimore.
 - **Charles Comiskey** began player-manager of Cincinnati Reds.
 - **National Agreement** – Major leagues could draft minor league players for pre-set amount.
Higher-tier minor league teams could draft players from lower tiers also for pre-set amount.

- **Philadelphia** won 16 straight games.
- **Washington** began canceling home games and rescheduled them as road games to get bigger crowds.
- **Cleveland** went 13-1 vs. Louisville.

First Year: OF **Willie Keeler**, SS **Hughie Jennings**.

Jennings was drilled by an Amos Rusie fastball. Event possibly led to increasing distance from mound to plate.

Chicago Cubs

1893

manager: Cap Anson

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Boston Beaneaters | 86-43 | | | |
| Pittsburgh Pirates | 81-48 | | | |
| Cleveland Spiders | 73-55 | | | |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 72-57 | | .301 | .944 |
| New York Giants | 68-64 | | | |
| Brooklyn Bridegrooms | 65-63 | | | |
| Cincinnati Reds | 65-63 | | | |
| Baltimore Orioles | 60-70 | | | |
| Chicago Colts | 56-71 | 4.81 (9) | .279 (6) | .922 (11) |
| St. Louis Maroons | 57-75 | 4.07 | | |
| Louisville Colonels | 50-75 | | | |
| Washington Nationals | 40-89 | | | |

FA: 421 errors; Lange began at 2B (.888 FA)

Home: 38-34 Away: 18-37

Best: Washington 9-3, NYG & Baltimore 7-5, Louisville 6-4.

Worst: Pittsburgh & St. Louis 3-9, Boston 3-8, Brooklyn 3-7, Cleveland 4-8

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|----------------|-----|--------|------|--|
| Bill Hutchison | 348 | 16-23 | 4.75 | New pitching distance affected Hutchison– struck out only 80 |
| Willie McGill | 303 | 17-18 | 4.61 | 19-year-old pitcher – CWS was his 5 th team! |
| Hal Mauck | 143 | 8-10 | 4.41 | |
| Fritz Clausen | 76 | 6- 2 | 3.08 | |
| Gus McGinnis | 67+ | 2- 5 | 5.35 | |
| Bert Abbey | 56 | 2- 4 | 5.46 | |

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | SB | EBH | |
|---------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|----|-----|------------|
| 1B Cap Anson | 398 | 70 | 125 | 0 | 91 | .314 | 13 | 26 | |
| SS Bill Dahlen | 485 | 113 | 146 | 5 | 64 | .301 | 31 | 48 | 15 triples |
| OF Walt Wilmot | 392 | 69 | 118 | 3 | 61 | .301 | 39 | 31 | |
| OF Jimmy Ryan | 341 | 82 | 102 | 3 | 30 | .299 | 8 | 31 | |
| OF Sam Dungan | 465 | 86 | 138 | 2 | 64 | .297 | 11 | 32 | |
| 2B Bill Lange | 469 | 92 | 132 | 8 | 88 | .281 | 47 | 23 | |
| OF George Decker | 328 | 57 | 89 | 2 | 48 | .271 | 22 | 19 | |
| 3B Jiggs Parrott | 455 | 54 | 111 | 1 | 65 | .244 | 25 | 20 | |
| C Malachi Kittridge | 255 | 32 | 59 | 2 | 30 | .231 | 3 | 16 | |

Club's 829 runs placed 6th. Two pitchers added some offense: Hutchison hit .253 (162 AB), and McGill hit .234 (124 AB).

Anson drove in 91 RBIs despite hitting 0 HRs.

Rookies: 3B Charlie Irwin (1893-95) spent most of career with Reds. Career: 10 years, .268 BA.

P Clark "The Old Fox" Griffith: (5'6", 156 lbs.) had 6 different pitches. Won 20+ games 6 times while with club.

Career as Cub: 152-96. Superstitious, considered it unlucky to throw a shutout.

Griffith was called a franchise savior in mid-decade.

A screwball pitcher, Griffith remains 10th on **Cubs' All-time list** in innings pitched (2,188+).

OF Bill Lange (1893-99). Lifetime .336. Retired at 28. One of the bigger NL players, Lange was listed at 6'2" and 210 lbs.

Lange was considered one of the best all-around athletes of the 19th century."

Nick-named Little Eva, Lange left baseball for a woman, but marriage ended in divorce.

Lange later coached at Stanford. His 400 stolen bases are 2nd on **Cubs' All-time list**; his .330 BA is 3rd.

Trades: P Ad Gumbert to Pittsburgh.

Club

- Attendance: 223,500. Last year team played at South Side Park.
- **Chicago's World Fair** opened (aka Columbian Exposition).
- CWS played Sunday games at double-decked **West Side Grounds** (16K capacity) to take advantage of large crowds nearby. Fans were allowed to sit in outfield – creating chaos on well-attended games. Located at Taylor & Polk – near present-day Stroger/Cook County Hospital. Park was more immense in size: LF (340'), RF (316), and CF (560). Barbed-wire fence was added to outfield to keep unruly fans from interrupting play. Fence became an issue in 1894.
- Despite going 14-8 in September, CWS in lowest place ever in standings.
Streaks: CWS lost 8 straight in May and 6 straight in June. Club won 6 in a row in July.
- Anson appeared in a moving picture "A Running Colt."

Injuries:

8/6: Returning from Cleveland, CWS players were involved in train accident.
Several players were hurt, including Jimmy Ryan, who remained in the hospital the remainder of season.
Ryan was later given \$10K as settlement.

Season:

- 4/27: **Lost to Cincinnati** 10-1 (McGill)
4/28: **Beat Cincinnati** 11-1 (Hutchison)
- 5/13: **Lost to Cincinnati** 10-8 on home opener (Hutchison)
5/14: **Lost to Cincinnati** 13-12 (McGinnis). First game at West Side Grounds & first game played on Sunday in Chicago.
5/21: **Beat Louisville** 14-9 (McGill)
5/29: **Lost to Boston** 18-2 (Hutchison)
- 6/2: **Beat Philadelphia** 11-5 (McGill). CWS scored 8 runs in the 8th inning.
6/14: **Lost to NY Giants** 11-10 (McGill). NYG SS George Davis 1st ML player to hit HR and triple in same inning.
6/16: **Beat NY Giants** 10-9 in 11 innings (Shaw). Six Giants were hit by pitches – **ML record**; Shaw accounted for 5.
6/27: **Lost to Brooklyn** 14-13 (Parrott). CWS led 8-0 in the 1st. Dodgers countered with 9 runs in the 4th.
- 7/3: **Beat Boston** 3-0 (Hutchison 3-hitter)
7/11: **Beat Washington** 15-5 (McGill) Lange hit grand slam in 5th inning.
7/14: **Beat Baltimore and Tony Mullane** 10-2 (Hutchison).
7/21: **Beat Pittsburgh** 12-9 (Hutchison).
7/29: **Beat Louisville** 14-2 (Hutchison).
- 8/2: **Beat Cleveland** 17-6 (Hutchison)
8/9: **Lost to Pittsburgh** 8-7 (Hutchison).
8/24: **Beat NY Giants** 10-4 (Clausen). Played during major downpour. Polo Grounds' outfield was later under 2 feet of water.
- 9/3: **Beat Baltimore and Mullane** 9-8 (Donnelly). Kittridge hit grand slam in 5th inning.
9/4: **Beat Baltimore** 18-10 (Hughey). CWS overcame 10-4 deficit by scoring 7 runs in the 3rd inning.
9/10: **Beat Washington** 12-3 (McGill). Jiggs Parrott hit grand slam in 4th inning.
9/13: **DH vs. Boston: G1:** won 8-6 (Abbey). **G2:** Game called after 6 innings, tied 8-8. CWS once led 8-3 in the 4th.
9/22: **Beat Baltimore** 1-0 (McGill).
9/26: **Beat NY Giants** 9-5 in 10 (McGill). Anson hit pinch single in the 10th.

League:

RULE: **Distance from mound to home increased** from 50' to 60'6" to improve batting averages.
The additional 6" was actually a misprint (the 6 was supposed to be an 0 that was never corrected).
Elevated mound included a 4"x12" slab and eliminated the pitcher's box.
The pitcher was now required to place his rear foot against the rubber slab.

RULE: Batter, sacrificing the runner to the next base, was not charged with an at-bat.

- **Sacrifice hits** became a new statistic.
- Pitchers employed the **changeup** with greater results.
- **Fundamentals on defense:** outfielders began to relay throws to infielders, which in turn would control the next throw.

8/1: Pittsburgh beat St. Louis 25-2.

- Pittsburgh P **Frank Killen's** 36 wins was most for lefty (1893-present).
- NY Giants' **George Davis** hit safely in 33 straight games.
 Teammate P **Amos Rusie** walked ML record 218 batters. From 1893-94, Rusie completed 95 of 102 games (926 IP).
- After winning the championship, Pittsburgh fans threw rocks at the Boston Beaneaters while the players were being carried in a horse-drawn wagon.
- November: **Western League** (previously Northwestern League) formed.
 Teams were set up in Detroit, Sioux City (Iowa), Toledo, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Grand Rapids, and Minneapolis.
 The minor league was legally bound to the **National Agreement** – upholding the rights and rules and interests of organized baseball
- The United States began 4-year economic depression.

Last Year: Harry Stovey

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1894

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Baltimore Orioles | 89-39 | | | .944 |
| New York Giants | 88-44 | 3.81 | | |
| Boston Beaneaters | 83-49 | | | |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 71-57 | | .350 | |
| Brooklyn Bridegrooms | 70-61 | | | |
| Cleveland Spiders | 68-61 | | | |
| Pittsburgh Pirates | 65-65 | | | |
| Chicago Colts | 57-75 | 5.68 (11) | .314 (4) | .918 (11) |
| St. Louis Maroons | 56-76 | | | |
| Cincinnati Reds | 55-75 | | | |
| Washington Nationals | 45-87 | | | |
| Louisville Colonels | 36-94 | | | |

FA: 458 errors; 1B Anson in FA (.990); OF Wilmot led NL OF in errors (41)

Home: 35-30 Away: 22-45

Best: Louisville 8-4, Washington & Philadelphia 7-5.

Worst: NYG 1-11, Cleveland 2-10, Baltimore 3-9.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|----------------|-----|--------|------|--|
| Bill Hutchison | 278 | 14-15 | 6.06 | 1893: Hutch 71 more hits, 1894: Hutch 95 more hits?? |
| Clark Griffith | 261 | 21-11 | 4.92 | First of 6 straight seasons with 20+ wins |
| Willie McGill | 208 | 7-19 | 5.84 | |
| Adonis Terry | 163 | 5-11 | 5.84 | |
| Scott Stratton | 119 | 8- 5 | 6.03 | |
| Bert Abbey | 92 | 2- 7 | 5.18 | |

Staff's ERA remains clubs worst ever.

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | SB | EBH | |
|------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|----|-----|---|
| 1B Cap Anson | 347 | 62 | 137 | 5 | 99 | .395 | 17 | 37 | |
| SS Bill Dahlen | 508 | 150 | 184 | 15 | 107 | .362 | 42 | 61 | 4 th in HR |
| OF Jimmy Ryan | 481 | 133 | 173 | 3 | 62 | .360 | 11 | 47 | |
| OF Walt Wilmot | 597 | 134 | 197 | 5 | 130 | .330 | 74 | 62 | 4 th in RBI, 3 rd in SB & 2B (45) |
| OF Bill Lange | 442 | 84 | 145 | 6 | 90 | .328 | 66 | 31 | |
| IF George Decker | 384 | 74 | 120 | 8 | 92 | .313 | 23 | 31 | |
| 3B Charlie Irwin | 498 | 84 | 144 | 8 | 95 | .289 | 35 | 41 | |
| C Pop Schriver | 349 | 55 | 96 | 3 | 47 | .279 | 9 | 18 | |

Club 1st in stolen bases; 5th in runs (1,041)

Dahlen followed his 42G hitting streak (.398) with a 28-game hitting streak – hitting safely in 70 of 71 games.

Dahlen's impressive streak: 74-186, 14 doubles, 7 triples, 4 HRs, and 44 RBIs.

Ryan scored 9 runs in 2 consecutive games on 7/24-25

CWS pitchers fared well: Hutchison, Terry, and Stratton combined to hit .339, hitting 9 homers (Hutchison 6).

Trades: William Adonis Terry (career 205-197; 94-97 with CWS) previously played for Brooklyn and Pittsburgh

Club:

- Attendance: 239,000.
- Club played full-time at West Side Grounds until 1915.
- March: former CWS **Ned Williamson** died at 36. November: former CWS OF/C **Mike "King" Kelly** died of pneumonia at 36.
- Club began season 1-8. Club lost 7 in a row in May/June, and 8 straight in September.
- Mid-June series vs. Boston: club lost 2 of 3 but clubbed 9 HRs in series (Dahlen and Irwin 4/ea).

8/26: Unbeknownst to park officials, C Billy "Pops" Schriver performed what was then somewhat of a typical feat of the time: With mitt in hand and standing on ground-level, Schriver caught a baseball that was dropped from the top of the Washington Monument (555' high). **Clark Griffith** was Schriver's partner in the event.

Season:

4/20: **Lost to Cincinnati** 10-6 (Hutchison). Parrott, Decker, and Hutchison each homered for CWS.

4/22: **Lost to Cincinnati** 5-4 (McGill walked 11 batters).

5/4: **Beat Cincinnati** 6-4 (McGill). CWS scored 3 runs in the 6th to take lead. Ryan with 4 hits/2B.

5/13: **Beat Louisville** 14-12 (McGill)

5/30: **Swept DH from Philadelphia. G1:** won 12-4 (McGill). **G2:** won 12-6 (Griffith)

6/1: **Lost to Brooklyn** 5-0 (Griffith). CWS collected only 1 hit.

6/2: **Lost to Brooklyn and former CWS P Ed Stein** 1-0 in 6 innings (Abbey).

Despite the abbreviated game, Cubs were no-hit by Stein.

6/11: **Lost to Boston** 15-14 (Terry). CWS lost despite scoring 7 runs in 9th inning to take 14-13 lead.

6/12: **Lost to Boston** 12-9 (McGill)

6/13: **Beat Boston** 6-2 (Griffith). CWS' 7-game winning streak over.

6/14: **Beat Washington** 12-11 in 12 innings (Hutchison). Schriver hit game-winning RBI single.

6/24: **Lost to Baltimore** 11-10 (Terry). CWS lost despite scoring 5 runs in 9th to take lead.

6/25: **Beat Baltimore** 15-8 (Hutchison). Ryan tied ML record by scoring 6 runs.

6/27: **Beat Baltimore** 13-4 (Griffith).

7/2: **Lost to Philadelphia** 17-15 (Stratton). CWS record 18-38.

7/4: **Split DH vs. Philadelphia. G1:** won 16-10 (Griffith). **G2:** lost 12-11 (McGill).

7/5: **Beat Washington** 13-10 (Hutchison). Dahlen scored 5 runs.

7/9: **Beat Boston** 13-11 (Stratton). CWS scored 7 runs in 2nd inning.

7/11: **Beat Boston** 13-1 (Griffith). Ryan scored 3 runs.

7/25: **Beat Pittsburgh** 24-6 in 7 innings (Griffith).

Ryan again tied ML record by scoring 6 runs. According to reports, Decker hit 520' HR.

7/27: **Lost to Cincinnati** 14-12 (Stratton). P Stratton homered twice. CWS was behind 12-2 after 2 innings.

7/28: **Lost to Cincinnati** 19-13 (Hutchison). CWS had early lead, 11-2.

7/29: **Beat Cincinnati** 16-9 (Griffith). Wilmot hit grand slam in 8th inning.

8/1: **Beat St. Louis** 26-8 (McGill) Dahlen collected 3 hits; Anson and Decker each went 5-7. Ryan & Wilmot each scored 5 runs.

8/2: **Beat Louisville** 4-3 (Hutchison).

8/3: **Lost by forfeit to Louisville** (Griffith). Manager Anson did not like baseballs furnished by Louisville, the home team.

8/5: **Beat Cincinnati** 8-1 in 6 innings (Griffith).

Game was stopped when fire broke out in the outfield stands. George Decker, Jimmy Ryan and Walt Wilmot used bats to part barbed-wire fence, saving 1,600 fans. Some questioned whether fire was set deliberately.

Approximately 500 patrons were injured attempting to get through. Area was rebuilt when club went on the road.

8/6: **Beat Cincinnati** 12-9 (Stratton). Wilmot stole 4 bases; Dahlen's 2 hits extended his streak to 42 games.

Area that was burned the day before was fenced off. Fans sat on the left side of the field.

8/7: **Beat Cincinnati** 13-11 in 10 innings (Hutchison). Dahlen went hitless in 6 at bats, thus ending his 42G hitting streak.

Wilmot stole 4 more bases. Ryan and Wilmot each had 5 of the teams' 20 hits

8/8: **Lost to Cincinnati** 14-11 (McGill). Dahlen began a 28-game hitting streak.

8/12: **Beat Cleveland** 16-5 (Griffith)

8/22: **Lost to NYG** 8-5 (Hutchison).

8/24: **Beat Washington** 10-5 (Griffith).

8/29: **Beat Philadelphia** 13-6 (Griffith).

9/1: **Beat Boston** 17-7 (Terry)

9/9: **Lost to Cleveland** 9-5 (McGill). Dahlen's 2nd hitting streak of 28 games over.

9/10: **Lost to Boston** 25-8 (Terry pitched complete game)

9/11: **Beat Boston** 17-2 (Hutchison)

9/15: **Beat Brooklyn** 10-3 (Hutchison). Journal: Dahlen's streak over.

9/16: **Beat Brooklyn** 13-5 (Griffith). Decker hit for cycle including hitting 2nd HR and triple.

9/20: **Beat Philadelphia** 20-4 (Abbey). CWS scored 10 runs in the 1st and 8th innings. Dahlen scored 5 runs

- 9/21: **Beat Philadelphia** 11-5 (Hutchison). Dahlen scored 4 more runs – 9 in 2 games.
 9/24: **Beat Washington** 17-5 (Hutchison)
 9/30: **Lost to Baltimore** 20-9 (Terry). Orioles' Joe Kelley doubled 4 times.

League:

RULE: Ball bunted foul became a strike.

- Players were still arrested for playing baseball on Sundays.
- **NL as league hit .309.** NL's BA in 1893 was .245.
 Baltimore Orioles club hit .343 but placed 2nd to the Phillies' .349!
 Three Phillies OF hit above .400.
- Teams combined to score almost 15 runs a game (14.7).
 League ERA was 5.32. Ten of 12 teams had ERAs above 5.00
- Each NL team *averaged* 259 stolen bases.
- **A two-team race for the pennant.** Baltimore began 34-13 and won 18 games in a row from August 24-September 16.
 Former CWS **Hugh Duffy** hit .440.
 Duffy totaled 237 hits, 145 RBIs, 372 Total Bases, .690 Slugging average, and 51 doubles.
 His .440 BA was 77 points higher than any other season Duffy played.
- Despite **OF Billy Hamilton's** 36 game hitting streak and 192 (or 196) runs scored, Philadelphia finished 4th.
 Hamilton hit .466 during his streak (76-163). From 1894-95, Hamilton scored 364 runs.
- **Connie Mack** began long coaching career by managing Pittsburgh Pirates
 From 1894-95, **St Louis P Ted Breitenstein** completed 93 of 101 games
 From 1894-98, **Baltimore's** Hughie Jennings was hit 202 times (ML record 51 times in 1898)
- **Rowdiness** rampant: rules broken, players did not hesitate to harass, spike/injure opponents or umpires.
 Rules went un-enforced.

Streaks: **Louisville** suffered losing streaks of 18 and 20 games. Colonels went 0-12-1 vs. NY. **Washington** lost 17 in a row.

6/18: **Baltimore** lost to Boston 24-7. Orioles' P **Tony Mullane** allowed 16 runs in 1st inning. Mullane retired at end of season.

8/17: **Louisville** lost to Philadelphia 29-4. Colonels P **John Wadsworth** allowed 28 hits in the game.

NL Parks that burned:

1. Boston's South End Grounds right field bleachers caught fire –was started by arsonist.
2. Philadelphia's Huntington Grounds
3. Baltimore: Union Park also suffered fire damage.

- **Western League** re-formed. Became the **American League** in 1899.

First Year: SS **Bobby Wallace** and OF **Fred Clarke**

Temple Cup: While US was in midst of 4-year Depression, in an effort to boost attendance, NL began a championship series between the 1st and 2nd- place teams. The team that won three consecutive playoffs would be awarded the Temple Cup.

Winners received 65% (later amended to 50/50).

First Temple Cup: Giants beat Orioles. Despite the intentions, overall play was half-hearted.

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1895

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Baltimore Orioles | 87-43 | 3.81 | | |
| Cleveland Spiders | 84-46 | | | |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 78-53 | | .330 | |
| Chicago Colts | 72-58 | 4.67 (6) | .298 (5) | .928 (9) |
| Brooklyn Bridegrooms | 71-60 | | | |
| Boston Beaneaters | 71-60 | | | |
| | | | | |
| Pittsburgh Pirates | 71-61 | | | |
| Cincinnati Reds | 66-64 | | | |
| New York Giants | 66-65 | | | |
| Washington Nationals | 43-85 | | | |
| St. Louis Maroons | 39-92 | | | |
| Louisville Colonels | 35-96 | | | |

FA: 401 errors; club lead league in double plays. Porous infield: 3B Everett and SS Dahlen (86 errors)

Home: 43-24 Away: 29-34

Best: St. Louis 10-2, Washington 9-2, Louisville 9-3, Pittsburgh 8-4.

Worst: NYG & Baltimore 4-8, Boston & Cincinnati 5-7.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA |
|-----------------|-----|--------|------|
| Clark Griffith | 353 | 25-13 | 3.93 |
| Adonis Terry | 311 | 21-14 | 4.80 |
| Bill Hutchison | 291 | 13-21 | 4.73 |
| Doc Parker | 51 | 4- 2 | 3.68 |
| Danny Friend | 41 | 2- 2 | 5.27 |
| Walter Thornton | 40 | 2- 0 | 6.08 |
| Scott Stratton | 30 | 2- 3 | 9.60 |

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | SB | EBH | |
|-----------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|----|-----|--|
| OF Bill Lange | 478 | 120 | 186 | 10 | 98 | .389 | 67 | 53 | 2 nd in SB, 4 th in SA (.575), 5 th in BA |
| 3B Bill Everitt | 550 | 129 | 197 | 3 | 88 | .358 | 47 | 29 | |
| 1B Cap Anson | 474 | 87 | 159 | 2 | 91 | .335 | 12 | 31 | |
| OF Jimmy Ryan | 443 | 83 | 143 | 6 | 49 | .323 | 18 | 36 | |
| OF Walt Wilmot | 466 | 86 | 132 | 8 | 72 | .283 | 28 | 30 | |
| OF Geo Decker | 297 | 51 | 82 | 2 | 41 | .276 | 11 | 17 | |
| SS Bill Dahlen | 509 | 107 | 139 | 7 | 62 | .273 | 38 | 36 | |
| C Tim Donahue | 219 | 29 | 59 | 2 | 36 | .269 | 5 | 12 | |
| 2B Ace Stewart | 365 | 52 | 88 | 8 | 76 | .241 | 14 | 26 | |

Club's 866 runs placed them 7th

Lange's Slugging Average was club record until 1927.

P Griffith hit .319 (46-144).

C Tim Donahue (1895-1900) previously played for Boston.

Rookies: 3B "**Wild**" Bill Everitt's .358 BA is club record for rookie.

Everitt (career 902 hits, .317 BA) spent 6 years with club.

Club:

- Attendance: 382,300.
- Club 15+ game turnaround from year before – 1st time in 1st division since 1891. Team went 15-8 in September.
- CWS won 7 in a row in May; lost 7 straight in August/September. Team went 15-8 during month of September.

Season:

4/18: **Beat St. Louis** 10-7 (Griffith). Rookie Ace Stewart hit a home run, as did Wilmot and Ryan.

5/2: **Lost to Louisville** 5-4 in 10 at home opener (Hutchison).

5/14: **Lost to NYG** 14-1 (Terry)

5/19: **Beat Brooklyn** 14-9 (Terry). P Terry homered and doubled in 3rd inning and also added 2 singles in the game.

5/20: **Beat Philadelphia** 24-6 (Griffith). P Griffith went 5-5 at bat; Everett collected 4 hits and scored 5 runs, 2B Asa Stewart hit inside the park grand slam. Phillies committed 13 errors.

5/22: **Beat Philadelphia** 14-6 (Terry).

6/13: **Lost to Boston** 20-3 (Hutchison).

6/23: **Beat Cleveland** 13-4 (Griffith). Following game, entire Colt team was arrested for playing on Sunday. Owner Hart posted \$100 bond per player. All charges were dropped the following January. The charges read "aiding and abetting noise on Sunday."

7/1: **Beat St. Louis** 17-5 (Terry)

7/2: **Lost to St. Louis** 15-9 (Stratton). Browns hit 4 triples (2 by C Heinie Peitz) and scored 11 runs in the 1st inning.

7/4: **Swept DH from Cincinnati. G1:** Won 8-7 (Griffith). CWS scored 7 runs late in game. **G2:** Won 9-5 (Hutchison). Overflow crowd of 22,913 attended. Balls hit in OF crowd were ruled home runs.

Cincinnati hit 4 homers. Cincinnati P Frank Foreman personally hit 2 homers yet allowed 6 round-trippers to Chicago.

7/17: **Beat Philadelphia** 12-7 in 7 (Thornton). All scoring came in 4th inning. Game was called early so Phillies could catch train.

8/6: **Lost to Cincinnati** 8-6 (Hutchison).

CWS player Malachi Kittridge was found with one of the Reds' bats and was almost arrested for theft.

8/24: **Beat Washington** 9-8 in 7 (Terry). Ryan hit grand slam in 1st inning.

8/27: **DH vs. Washington. G1:** Won 6-5 (Hutchison). Lange's deep fly bounced off outfielder and into the stands. **G2:** tied 6-6 after 7 innings (Dolan). Called on account of darkness.

9/10: **Swept DH from NYG. G1:** won 13-2 (Friend). **G2:** won 8-6 (Parker)

9/14: **Beat Louisville** 15-4 in 7 (McFarland).

League:

RULE: **Infield Fly Rule** improved: batter is out per discretion of umpire upon batter's popup. Runners were not required to advance, and the ball did not have to be caught. Rule thwarted players who were adept at trapping the ball; modified in 1900.

RULE: **Foul tip** is ruled a strike.

RULE: Should fans prove to be too unruly, requiring a 15-minute delay of game, the umpire could call forfeit. The opposing team would win by the score of 9-0.

- **Size of pitching rubber:** 6" x 24"
- **Philadelphia's Baker Bowl** opened. RF 280' from home. The 1895 Phillies scored 1,068 runs in 133 games.
- **Andrew Freeman** became new owner of NYG. Freeman joined others in purchasing a financial interest in more than 1 team.
- **NL's syndicate now included** Freeman, Boston's **Arthur Soden** and Cincinnati's **John Brush**.
- Despite finishing above .500, the **NY Giants** placed 9th. NYG P **Amos Rusie's** last season in ML. Owner Andrew Freeman withheld \$200 from Rusie for unspecified violations. With neither side budging, and Rusie being one of NL's marquee players, other owners chipped in and paid Rusie \$3,000.
- **Louisville's** Fred Clarke hit safely in 35 straight games (.384; 58-151). Colonels suffered 15G losing streak.
- **St. Louis** team suffering identity crisis? Team was known as the Browns, Maroons, Perfectos, and later Cardinals.
- **Baltimore Orioles** won 14 games in a row.

First Year: IF **Jimmy Collins**, 3B Bill Everett

Temple Cup: Baltimore citizens stoned Cleveland Spider players while the latter rode horse-drawn wagon – perhaps in retaliation for similar incident 6 days earlier in Cleveland.

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1896

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Baltimore Orioles | 90-39 | | .328 | |
| Cleveland Spiders | 80-48 | 3.47 | | |
| Cincinnati Reds | 77-50 | | | .951 |
| Boston Beaneaters | 74-57 | | | |
| Chicago Colts | 71-57 | 4.41 (7) | .286 (9) | .933 (9) |
| Pittsburgh Pirates | 66-63 | | | |
| | | | | |
| New York Giants | 64-67 | | | |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 62-68 | | | |
| Brooklyn Bridegrooms | 58-73 | | | |
| Washington Nationals | 58-73 | | | |
| St. Louis Maroons | 40-90 | | | |
| Louisville Colonels | 38-93 | | | |

FA: 367 errors

Home: 42-24 Away: 29-33

Best: Pittsburgh 11-1, Boston, Louisville & St. Louis 9-3, Washington 8-4

Worst: Baltimore 4-7, Philadelphia 4-8, Cincinnati 4-6, NYG 5-7

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|-----------------|-----|--------|------|--------------------------|
| Clark Griffith | 318 | 22-13 | 3.54 | |
| D. Friend | 291 | 18-14 | 4.74 | Best year in ML |
| Adonis Terry | 235 | 15-13 | 4.28 | |
| Buttons Briggs | 194 | 12- 8 | 4.31 | led NL in complete games |
| Doc Parker | 73 | 1- 5 | 6.16 | |
| Monte McFarland | 25 | 0- 4 | 7.20 | |

P **Danny Friend** allowed 139 walks and hit NL record 39 batters (record broken in 1950).

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | SB | EBH | |
|---------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|----|-----|-----------|
| SS Bill Dahlen | 476 | 153 | 172 | 9 | 74 | .361 | 51 | 58 | See below |
| 1B Cap Anson | 402 | 72 | 133 | 2 | 90 | .331 | 24 | 22 | |
| OF Bill Lange | 469 | 114 | 153 | 4 | 92 | .326 | 84 | 41 | |
| 3B Bill Everitt | 575 | 130 | 184 | 2 | 46 | .320 | 46 | 31 | |
| OF Jimmy Ryan | 490 | 83 | 153 | 3 | 86 | .312 | 29 | 37 | |
| OF George Decker | 421 | 68 | 118 | 5 | 61 | .280 | 20 | 39 | |
| 2B Fred Pfeffer | 360 | 45 | 88 | 2 | 52 | .244 | 22 | 25 | |
| C Malachi Kittridge | 215 | 17 | 48 | 1 | 19 | .223 | 6 | 6 | |
| OF Bill Bradley | 129 | 26 | 40 | 2 | 18 | .310 | 4 | 9 | |

Club: 7th in runs (815).

Dahlen: 2nd in Slugging Average (.553), 3rd in triples (19), 5th in HRs.

P Griffith batted .267 in 135 AB; P Terry batted .263 in 99 AB.

George Decker hit safely in 26 straight games.

Trades: P Bill Hutchison to St. Louis, IF Barry McCormick (1896-1901) from Louisville.

Club:

- Attendance: 317,500. Team wore all-white (or light grey) uniforms without lettering.
- Fred Pfeffer** returned for 2 more years. Later managed Louisville and NY teams.
- Chicago's **Blue Laws** still in effect: OF Walt Wilmot was arrested for playing on Sunday. Chicago jury later acquitted him. Event eventually cleared the way for baseball on Sunday.
- Club went 11-1 vs. Pittsburgh and 2-9 vs. Cleveland.

Season:

4/16: **Beat Louisville** 4-2 (Friend)

4/17: **Beat Louisville** 14-3 (Thornton). CWS scored 10 runs in the 1st inning.

4/30: **Beat St. Louis** 8-3 on home opener (Friend)

5/3: **Beat St. Louis** 16-7 (Briggs). Overflow crowd of 17,231 impeded play – fly balls hit in OF were ruled ground-rule triples. Dahlen hit 3 of the team's 5 triples.

5/4: **Beat Brooklyn** 2-1 (Griffith). Anson hit game-winning 1B in 9th.

5/8: **Beat Philadelphia** 5-3 (Griffith)

5/13: **Lost to Boston by forfeit** (Terry).

Game tied at 4, but CWS was stalling, hoping to have game called on darkness in the 10th inning.

5/18: **Beat NY Giants** 15-3 (Terry). Lange hit grand slam in 7-run 6th inning.

6/3: **Beat NY Giants** 14-8 (Friend).

6/10: **Beat Washington** 14-13 (Friend). CWS scored 3 runs in the 9th inning.

6/19: **Beat Cleveland** 8-3 (Griffith).

Spider's coach **Patsy Tebeau** would not leave field after being ejected by game's only umpire, Tom Lynch.

One player from each team served as umpire the rest of the game.

6/25: **Beat Pittsburgh** 17-10 (Griffith). CWS scored 9 runs in the 6th inning.

6/28: **Beat Louisville** 4-3 (Friend). CWS came back from 3-1 deficit in 9th inning.

7/1: **Lost to Cleveland** 19-7 (Friend). Friend refused to complete 8th inning after team continued to commit errors.

7/4: **Swept DH from Louisville. G1:** won 8-5 (Griffith). **G2:** won 11-6 (Briggs). CWS stole 11 bases (Lange 5).

7/11: **Beat NYG** 3-2 in 12 (Friend). Giant pitcher balked in winning run.

7/13: **Beat Philadelphia** 9-8 (Terry). Phil's **Ed Delahanty** singled, hit 4 inside-the-park home runs, and drove in 7.

7/16: **Beat Washington** 17-8 (Terry).

7/22: **Beat Boston** 10-9 in 11 innings (Griffith). Seven of CWS runs came in 7th inning.

8/1: **Beat Louisville** 8-3 (Griffith).

8/2: **Lost to Louisville** 2-1 (Briggs).

8/11: **Beat Cincinnati** 6-0 (Terry)

8/29: **Beat Washington** 13-11 in 7 innings (Terry)

8/31: **Lost to Washington** 1-0 (Friend). First shutout for Washington club since 1893.

League:

RULE: Home team must supply 12 game balls.

RULE: \$25 fine was assessed for using vulgar language.

- NYG P **Amos Rusie** sat out season in feud with owner Andrew Freeman
- Umpire had 8 members of Cleveland Spiders arrested during game in June.
- **Cincinnati** 2B Bid McPhee was the last player to go without a fielder's glove.
- Baltimore Orioles IF **Hughie Jennings** drove in the most runs (121 RBIs) without having hit a HR.
- St. Louis lost 14 games in a row and lost all 12 of their games to St. Louis.
- Baltimore went 12-0 vs. Philadelphia.

First Year: Fielder Jones, IF **Nap Lajoie**

Last Year: P Bill Hutchison

Chicago Cubs

manager: Cap Anson

1897

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|-----------------------|--------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Boston Beaneaters | 93- 39 | | | .951 |
| Baltimore Orioles | 90- 40 | | .325 | .951 |
| New York Giants | 83- 48 | 3.45 | | |
| Cincinnati Reds | 76- 56 | | | |
| Cleveland Spiders | 69- 62 | | | |
| Brooklyn Bridegrooms | 61- 71 | | | |
| Washington Nationals | 61- 71 | | | |
| Pittsburgh Pirates | 60- 71 | | | |
| Chicago Colts | 59- 73 | 4.53 (8) | .282 (8) | .932 (10) |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 55- 77 | | | |
| Louisville Colonels | 52- 78 | | | |
| St. Louis Maroons | 29-102 | | | |

FA: 393 errors; club led NL in double plays.

Home: 36-30 Away: 23-43

Best: St. Louis 8-4, Washington 7-5

Worst: Baltimore 3-9, Boston 4-8, Cincinnati, Philadelphia & NYG 5-7.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|---|
| Clark Griffith | 344 | 21-19 | 3.72 | 1 st in complete games (38) |
| Danny Friend | 203 | 12-11 | 4.52 | |
| Nixey Callahan | 190 | 12- 9 | 4.03 | |
| Buttons Briggs | 187 | 4-17 | 5.26 | |
| Walter Thornton | 130 | 6- 7 | 4.70 | Also played OF – although a liability with glove. |
| Roger Denzer | 95 | 2- 8 | 5.13 | |

OF/P **James “Nixey” Callahan’s** record for the Colts was 66-47 before jumping to the Chicago White Sox of the AL.

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | SB | EBH | |
|---------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|------------|---------------------------------|
| OF Bill Lange | 479 | 119 | 163 | 5 | 83 | .340 | 73 | 43 | 1 st in stolen bases |
| Walter Thornton | 265 | 39 | 85 | 0 | 55 | .321 | 13 | 15 | |
| 3B Bill Everitt | 379 | 63 | 119 | 5 | 39 | .314 | 26 | 26 | |
| OF Jimmy Ryan | 520 | 103 | 160 | 5 | 85 | .308 | 27 | 85 | 17 triples |
| 1B Cap Anson | 424 | 67 | 128 | 3 | 75 | .302 | 11 | 23 | |
| SS Bill Dahlen | 277 | 67 | 82 | 6 | 40 | .296 | 15 | 32 | Played in only 75 games. |
| Nixey Callahan | 360 | 60 | 105 | 3 | 47 | .292 | 12 | 27 | |
| 2B Jim Connor | 285 | 40 | 83 | 3 | 38 | .291 | 10 | 18 | |
| OF George Decker | 428 | 72 | 124 | 5 | 63 | .290 | 11 | 24 | |
| IF Barry McCormick | 419 | 87 | 112 | 2 | 55 | .267 | 44 | 20 | |
| C Malachi Kittridge | 262 | 25 | 53 | 1 | 30 | .202 | 9 | 11 | |

Club’s 832 runs placed them 4th.

Anson at 45 – was oldest player to play 100+ games until 2005.

P **Danny Friend** hit .284 in 88 AB; Griffith hit .235 in 162 AB.

Trades: P/OF **Nixey Callahan** from Philadelphia.

Injuries: OF Decker fainted several hours after being hit on head with a pitch. Anson rejected his request to recover, and had him return to the lineup 2 days later. Aftermath: Decker later became delusional and died in an asylum in 1909.

Rookies: C/1B **Frank Chance**. Chance preferred catching than playing 1st.
Twenty-two years after his death, Chance was voted into MLB’s **Hall of Fame** (1946).

Club:

- Attendance: 327,160.
 - After 22 years, Cubs **released manager Cap Anson** at the end of the season.
 - Tough times ahead for 1B/Manager Cap Anson.
 - Owner **Al Spalding** thwarted Anson from purchasing more stock and controlling interest in the club;
 - President **Hart** countered Anson's attempt at team discipline by reducing or eliminating fines, and team captain **Jimmy Ryan** often contested Anson's authority.
 - Club made a low offer to keep Anson, but the negotiations stopped in mid-April.
- As a manager, Anson went 1,288-944. Fans raised \$50,000 for him upon his release – but Anson turned down the money, stating that the fans owed him nothing. Anson later entered vaudeville and served as Chicago City Clerk.

Season:

- 4/22: **Lost to Cincinnati** 8-7 in 10 innings (Griffith). CWS led 6-4 in the 9th.
- 5/4: **Beat St. Louis 5-2 on Cap Anson Day** (Callahan). Anson went 1-3 in front of 14,968.
- 5/20: **Lost to Washington** 16-14 (Briggs). Senators scored 5 runs in top of 9th.
- 5/23: **Lost to Washington** 16-12 (Briggs). Both CWS Lange and Senators' John O'Brien were ejected for fighting.
- 6/14: **Lost to Brooklyn** 15-4 (Denzer)
- 6/29: **Beat Louisville** 36-7 (Callahan). CWS run total is ML record.
 - McCormick 6-8/3B & HR, P Callahan 5-7/2 2B (3rd time Callahan collected 5 hits in a game – most ever for pitcher).
 - Six players scored 4+ runs; 10 players scored at least twice.
 - CWS collected 32 hits and scored in every inning. Club scored 8 runs once (9th), 7 runs twice (3rd and 8th), and 5 in the 2nd.
 - Louisville's 9 errors aided the cause. McCormick and Ryan each scored 5 runs (Ryan's 6th and final)
- 7/4: **Beat Washington** 16-7 (Griffith).
- 7/16: **Beat Baltimore** 6-3 (Griffith). **Anson became first MLB player to achieve 3000th hit** (a single)
- 7/17: **Lost to Baltimore** 20-2 (Friend). Orioles' Keeler collected 5 hits and scored 5 runs.
- 7/19: **Beat Philadelphia 7-6** (Callahan). Lange hit game-winning HR in 9th.
- 7/23: **Beat NYG 14-3** (Friend).
- 7/25: **Beat Louisville** 1-0 in 7 innings (Callahan). Dahlen stole home in the 4th inning.
- 7/27: **Beat Cincinnati** 4-3 in 10 innings (Callahan). Everett hit game-winning HR.
- 8/4: **Lost to St. Louis** 13-12 (Thornton). Lange scored 5 runs
- 8/8: **Beat Cleveland** 7-6 (Briggs). Anson collected 5 hits, including the game-winner in the 9th inning.
- 8/10: **Beat Louisville** 16-6 (Thornton).
- 8/13: **Beat Cincinnati** 2-0 (Griffith). Griffith's 1st career shutout. Griffith was superstitious about shutouts.
- 8/30: **Beat NY Giants** 7-5 in 8 innings (Friend for Griffith).
 - Anson ejected after arguing that the game should be called on account of darkness.
 - P Danny Friend was pressed into service playing LF. Friend played the game wearing a bathrobe.
- 9/6: **Split DH vs. Brooklyn. G1:** Lost 14-7 (Griffith). **G2:** Won 12-8 in 8 innings (Thornton)
- 9/25: **Beat Pittsburgh** 8-1 (Thornton).
- 9/28: **Beat Pittsburgh** 15-14 (Wright's lone ML victory).
 - P Wright allowed all 14 runs and 17 hits. CWS scored 11 runs in 5th inning.
- 10/3: **Split DH with St. Louis: G1:** Lost 10-9 (Griffith). Anson homered twice. **G2:** Won 7-1 (Thornton). Anson went 0-3.

League:

- RULE: **No error** was charged if a double play was not completed.
- RULE: A **\$5** fine was assessed to a player or team for discoloring the baseball.
- **Blue Laws** were still in effect elsewhere: May 16th: Cleveland police arrested fans and player at League Park during 1st inning.
- 5/11: C Duke Farrell threw out 8 Orioles base stealers.
- **Willie Keeler** batted .432 for season, but "only" .421 during his historic 44G hitting streak (85-202).
 - Keeler's record lasted until 1941 (NYY Joe DiMaggio, 56); Cincinnati's Pete Rose tied Keeler's NL record in 1978.

- Two **St. Louis Maroons** suffered tough season: P Red Donahue (post-1893 ML record 35 losses) and P Bill Hart (27 losses). Club endured an 18-game losing streak and lost all 12 of their games vs. New York.
- **Boston** went 21-2 in June – making it a 2-team race in late summer/fall. 57,000 saw 3-game set in late September. Season included 17-game winning streak. (5/31-6/21).
- **Louisville** rookie Honus Wagner began as an outfielder.
- **Washington's** Jake Gettman collected 10 straight hits.

Last Year: Roger Connor. Connor's 123rd career HR broke Harry Stovey's ML record. Connor's 139 career HRs was later broken by Babe Ruth.

First Year: **Honus Wagner, P Rube Waddell**, P Jack Powell, C **Roger Bresnahan**, future Cub OF Jimmy Sheckard, OF Mike "Turkey" Donlin, and umpire **Hank O'Day**. Wagner's career numbers: 3,420 hits, 643 doubles, 252 triples, and .328 BA. Wagner played through 1917.

Chicago Cubs

manager: Tommy Burns

1898

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|------------------------|---------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| Boston Beaneaters | 102- 47 | | | |
| Baltimore Orioles | 96- 53 | | .302 | |
| Cincinnati Reds | 92- 60 | | | |
| Chicago Orphans | 85- 65 | 2.83 (1) | .274 (4) | .936 (10) |
| Cleveland Spiders | 81- 68 | | | .952 |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 78- 71 | | | |
| | | | | |
| New York Giants | 77- 73 | | | |
| Pittsburgh Pirates | 72- 76 | | | |
| Louisville Colonels | 70- 81 | | | |
| Brooklyn Bridegrooms | 54- 91 | | | |
| Washington Nationals | 51-101 | | | |
| St. Louis Maroons | 39-111 | | | |

FA: 412 errors (Dahlen, 76); 3B McCormick led position in errors; club led NL in double plays

Home: 58-31 Away: 27-34

Best: Washington 11-3, St. Louis & Brooklyn 10-4, NYG & Louisville 9-5, Pittsburgh 7-4.

Worst: Boston & Baltimore 5-9, Cincinnati 6-8.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|---------------------|-----------|---------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Clark Griffith | 325 | 26-10 | 1.88 | 1 st in ERA; 4 shutouts |
| Nixie Callahan | 274 | 20-10 | 2.46 | 5 th in ERA |
| Walt Woods | 215 | 9-13 | 3.14 | |
| Walter Thornton | 215 | 13-10 | 3.34 | |
| Matt Kilroy | 100 | 6- 7 | 4.32 | |
| Frank Isbell | 81 | 4- 7 | 3.56 | |
| Jack Taylor | 41 | 5- 0 | 2.20 | |

Staff led league in shutouts (13)

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | SB | EBH |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| OF Jimmy Ryan | 572 | 122 | 185 | 4 | 79 | .323 | 29 | 49 |
| OF Bill Lange | 442 | 79 | 141 | 6 | 69 | .319 | 22 | 32 |
| 1B Bill Everitt | 596 | 102 | 190 | 0 | 69 | .319 | 28 | 21 |
| OF Sam Mertes | 269 | 45 | 80 | 1 | 47 | .297 | 27 | 13 |
| Walter Thornton | 210 | 34 | 62 | 0 | 14 | .295 | 8 | 7 |
| SS Bill Dahlen | 524 | 96 | 152 | 1 | 79 | .290 | 27 | 44 |
| 3B Barry McCormick | 530 | 76 | 131 | 2 | 78 | .247 | 15 | 26 |
| 2B Jim Connor | 505 | 51 | 114 | 0 | 67 | .226 | 11 | 18 |
| <u>C Tim Donahue</u> | <u>396</u> | <u>52</u> | <u>87</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>39</u> | <u>.220</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>15</u> |
| OF Danny Green | 188 | 26 | 59 | 4 | 27 | .314 | 12 | 11 |
| C Frank Chance | 147 | 32 | 41 | 1 | 14 | .286 | 7 | 8 |
| OF Frank Isbell | 159 | 17 | 37 | 0 | 8 | .233 | 3 | 4 |

Club: 828 runs (5th)

Dahlen was hit by 23 pitches

Mertes (1901), Isbell (1901) and Green (1902) would flee to the cross-town White Sox.

Trades: OF Sam Mertes last played for the Phillies in 1896. Played 3 years with Cubs before jumping to the AL.

Rookies: OF Danny Green, OF Frank Isbell, C/1B **Frank Chance** and P Walt Woods and **Jack "Brakeman" Taylor**.

Chance was originally a catcher, a position he preferred, and rode the bench until 1902.

Chance's 402 stolen bases is 1st on **Cubs' All-time list**.

Taylor would be known for finishing what he started. Rookie season: 5 starts, and 5 CG.

Club:

- Attendance: 424,352.
- With Anson gone, squad known as **Orphans** and **Rainmakers**. Everitt took Anson's position at 1B and committed 42 errors. Club's best showing in 8 years.
- Former CWS manager Cap Anson coached NYG for 1 month then quit (9-13).
- **Tommy Burns** was 160-138 (.537) in his 2 years as manager.
- Club turned ML-record 149 double plays – record broken in 1917.

Season:

- 4/15: **Beat St. Louis** 2-1 (Griffith). Card's Sportsman's Park LF bleachers burned the following day (see League below)
- 4/17: **Beat St. Louis** 14-1 (Thornton) on makeshift field.
- 4/29: **Beat Louisville** 16-2 on home opener (Griffith). CWS scored 9 runs in 7th inning.
- 5/2: **Beat Louisville** 13-7 (Thornton).
- 5/9: **Beat Cleveland** 12-1 (Griffith).
- 5/17: **Beat Cleveland** 13-6 (Griffith).
- 5/18: **Lost to St. Louis** 11-4 (Thornton). Thornton hit 3 batters in 4th inning
- 5/24: **Lost to Baltimore** 15-13 (Griffith). CWS scored 7 runs in 1st inning. Orioles collected 36 hits.
- 5/25: **Beat Baltimore** 20-4 in 7 innings (Isbell).
- 6/6: **Beat Brooklyn** 15-2 (Woods). Dahlen hit 3 triples. Frank Isbell and Bill Everett each collected 5 hits.
- 6/9: **Beat NYG** 10-8 (Woods).
- 6/15: **Beat St. Louis** 4-0 (Griffith 11-hit shutout).
- 6/22: **Lost to Boston** 6-5 in 14 (Woods).
- 6/26: **Beat Brooklyn** 13-10 (Kilroy).
- 6/29: **Beat NYG** 12-4 (Callahan). **Cap Anson returned** to Chicago as Giants' manager. 12,000 attended to honor him.
- 7/4: **Split DH with Cleveland. G1:** Lost 11-2 (Woods). **G2:** Won 4-3 (Isbell)
- 7/5: **Beat Cleveland** 5-4 (Clarke). Cleveland' Chief Zimmer was ejected for attempting to fight fan in stands.
- 7/6: **Beat Cleveland** 6-5 (Callahan)
- 7/15: **Lost to Baltimore** 10-9 (Woods). Teammates 3B McCormick and 1B Everett fought each other on the field.
- 7/20: **Beat Philadelphia** 15-5 (Callahan). CWS scored 9 runs in 6th inning.
- 7/30: **Beat Washington** 13-3 (Griffith).
- 8/5: **Split DH with Baltimore. G1:** Won 5-0 (Woods). CWS pulled triple play. **G2:** lost 6-1 (Isbell)
- 8/6: **Beat Philadelphia** 1-0 (Thornton).
- 8/11: **Beat Brooklyn** 3-2 in 14 innings (Woods).
- 8/21: **Swept DH from Brooklyn. G1:** Won 4-3 (Callahan). **G2:** Won 2-0 on **Walter Thornton's no-hitter**.
- 8/30: **Beat NYG** 1-0 (Griffith 3-hitter).
- 9/1: **Beat Brooklyn** 10-0 (Woods).
- 9/6: **Lost to Cincinnati** 9-8 (Callahan). CWS once led 7-0. Lange homered.
- 9/7: **Beat Cincinnati** 13-2 (Griffith)
- 9/16: **Split DH with Philadelphia.**
G1: Lost by forfeit. CWS argued controversial play at plate while leading 2-0 in the 5th (Griffith).
G2: Won 10-5 (Thornton). Ryan led off game with HR – 17th time in career.
- 9/17: **Beat Washington** 9-0 (Bill Phyle)
- 9/23 **Baltimore swept DH. G1: Lost** 15-6 (Phyle). **G2:** Lost 3-1 (Woods).
- 9/27: **Beat Pittsburgh** 5-4 in 11 (Woods).
- 10/9: **Swept DH from St. Louis. G1:** won 5-4 in 10 innings (Taylor). **G2:** won 3-0 after 6 innings (Phyle).

League:

- RULE: Player was no longer credited with a stolen base if he went from 1st to 3rd on a single.
- RULE: Players were no longer allowed to sit in the stands.
- RULE: Balk rule began (refined in 1899).

- NL used **2-man umpire crews** for 2 years.
- The **154-game** schedule began. Washington played the most games (152); Brooklyn the least (146).
- **Brush Resolution** attempted to clean the game by instituting fines for fighting and swearing. Resolution failed.

4/16: A lit cigar caused fire and destruction of grandstand and LF bleachers at St. Louis's **Sportsman's Park**.
At least 100 were injured. Club replaced Park with Robison Field.
Team was soon re-named the Cardinals.

- Umpire **Tom Connolly** began Hall of Fame career. (1898-1931; Hall of Fame 1953).
- Cincinnati's **Elmer Smith** hit safely in 30 straight games (.427; 53-124)
- St. Louis Cardinals P "**Brewery Jack**" **Taylor**: 15-29. Taylor had better years with the Phillies (1894-96: 69-47).
- **Washington** lost 14 in a row.
- Thanks to syndication, **Baltimore** lost several top players to **Brooklyn**, including Willie Keeler.
. Club was managed by John McGraw.

First Year: OF **Elmer Flick**, P **Vic Willis**, P Sam Leever, OF **Sam Crawford**, and umpire **Tommy Connolly**
Taylor was known for finishing what he started. Rookie season: 5 starts, 5 CG!

First Year: OF **Elmer Flick**, P **Vic Willis**, P Sam Leever, OF **Sam Crawford**, umpire **Tommy Connolly**

Chicago Cubs

manager: Tommy Burns

1899

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|----------------------------|---------|----------|----------|------------|
| Brooklyn Superbas | 101- 47 | 3.25 | | |
| Boston Beaneaters | 95- 57 | | | .952 |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 94- 58 | | .301 | |
| Baltimore Orioles | 86- 62 | | | |
| St. Louis Perfectos | 84- 67 | | | |
| Cincinnati Reds | 83- 67 | | | |
| Pittsburgh Pirates | 76- 73 | | | |
| Chicago Orphans | 75- 73 | 3.37 (5) | .277 (9) | .935 (T10) |
| Louisville Colonels | 75- 77 | | | |
| New York Giants | 60- 90 | | | |
| Washington Nationals | 54- 98 | | | |
| Cleveland Spiders | 20-134 | | | |

FA: 428 errors; 1B Everett led position in errors (47), putouts, total chances; club led league in double plays.

Home: 44-39 Away: 31-34

Best: Cleveland 13-1, Cincinnati 8-6

Worst: Washington 4-9. Baltimore & Philadelphia 5-9, Brooklyn 5-8.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | ERA | |
|----------------|-----|--------|------|--|
| Jack Taylor | 355 | 18-21 | 3.76 | Typical Taylor season: started and completed all 39 games. |
| Clark Griffith | 320 | 22-13 | 2.79 | |
| Nixie Callahan | 294 | 21-12 | 3.06 | |
| Ned Garvin | 199 | 9-13 | 2.85 | |
| Bill Phyle | 84 | 1- 8 | 4.20 | |

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | SB | EBH |
|-----------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|----|-----|
| OF Bill Lange | 416 | 81 | 135 | 1 | 58 | .325 | 41 | 29 |
| 1B Bill Everitt | 536 | 87 | 166 | 1 | 74 | .310 | 30 | 23 |
| OF Jimmy Ryan | 525 | 91 | 158 | 3 | 68 | .301 | 33 | 9 |
| OF Sam Mertes | 426 | 83 | 127 | 9 | 81 | .298 | 45 | 38 |
| OF Danny Green | 475 | 90 | 140 | 6 | 56 | .295 | 18 | 29 |
| 3B Harry Wolverton | 389 | 50 | 111 | 1 | 49 | .285 | 14 | 26 |
| SS Gene DeMontreville | 310 | 43 | 87 | 0 | 40 | .281 | 26 | 9 |
| C Tim Donahue | 278 | 39 | 69 | 0 | 29 | .248 | 10 | 12 |
| SS George Magoon | 189 | 24 | 43 | 0 | 21 | .228 | 5 | 6 |

Club: 812 runs (9th)

Subs: Bill Bradley .310 in 129 AB; Frank Chance .286 in 192 AB. Bradley spent most of his time with Cleveland of AL.

Rookie Wolverton's best years were ahead with the Philadelphia Phillies (career: .278).

Trades: Bill Dahlen traded to Brooklyn for OF Gene DeMontreville (career: .303).

DeMontreville was later traded to Baltimore for George Magoon.

Rookies: 3B **Bill Bradley** jumped to AL's Cleveland Blues after the 1900 season.

Bradley was solid with both bat and glove through 1908 season.

Club:

- Attendance: 352,130.
- Conducted spring training on a ranch in New Mexico – leading to two new names: the **Roughriders** and the **Cowboys**.
- City aldermen took exception when their free passes were eliminated. CWS soon restored their free passes.
- CWS fan was allowed to sell tickets to patrons willing to watch game from his roof which overlooked right field.
- Before season ended, OF Bill Lange declared this was his last season.
- Club was 37-24 in July.

Season:

4/14: **Beat Louisville** 15-1 (Griffith)

4/26: **Beat St. Louis** 7-6 (Callahan). CWS scored 5 runs in top of 9th inning.

4/27: **Beat Cincinnati** 4-3 (Taylor).

4/30: **Beat St. Louis** 4-0 (Callahan). ML's largest crowd to date (27,489) attended.

5/8: **Beat Cleveland** 8-7 (Griffith). Wolverton hit game-winning inside-the-park HR.

6/3: **Beat Baltimore** 14-5 (Taylor).

6/5: **Beat Baltimore** 9-3 (Griffith). Everett collected 5 hits/2B and 3B.

6/17: **Beat Cincinnati** 12-1 (Griffith).

6/23: **Beat Brooklyn** 3-2 (Callahan). Former CWS Bill Dahlen was honored before game.

6/29: **Beat NYG** 17-9 (Griffith). CWS scored 7 runs in 2nd inning and 9 more in the 3rd.

7/31: **Lost to Washington** 8-5 (Taylor).

8/3: **Beat St. Louis** 1-0 (Garvin). Magoon drove in run with a single in 8th inning.

8/9: **Beat Washington** 6-3 (Skel Roach)

8/18: **Split DH with Baltimore. G1:** won 13-12. **G2:** lost 5-4.

8/20: **Two games vs. 2 different teams in 1 day.**

G1: Beat Cleveland 8-7 (Cogan). CWS scored 3 runs in 8th and 3 more in the 9th.

G2: Lost to Louisville 5-0 after 6 (Griffith).

8/21: **Lost to St. Louis and Cy Young** 2-0 (Callahan)

8/28: **Split DH with NYG. G1:** lost 6-4 (Griffith). **G2:** won 11-3 (Cogan). Everett hit grand slam in 5th inning.

8/31: **Beat Boston** 5-2 (Griffith)

9/9: **Swept DH from Cleveland. G1:** won 5-2 (Callahan). **G2:** won 11-0 (Garvin)

9/13: **Lost to NYG** 13-2 (Malarkey). Giants scored 12 runs in 6th inning.

9/16: **Lost to Brooklyn** 9-7 in 7 (Taylor). CWS players protested the umpire's decision.

9/18: **Tied Brooklyn** 10-10 after 8 (Griffith). Lange collected 5 hits.

9/22: **Split DH with Boston. G1:** Won 3-0 (Garvin 13-hitter). **G2:** Lost 8-7 in 8 (Taylor)

9/24: **Split DH with Cincinnati. G1:** Won 21-5 (Griffith). **G2:** Lost 11-1 after 5 (Callahan)

10/2: **Lost to Louisville and Rube Waddell** 6-1 (Griffith). Waddell struck out 13

10/8: **Two games vs. 2 different teams in 1 day. G1:** Beat Cleveland 13-0 (Taylor's 1st ML shutout).

G2: Beat Rube Waddell and Louisville 7-3 (Griffith). Mertes homered; Lange stole home.

10/15: **Two games vs. 2 different teams in 1 day. G1:** Beat St. Louis 7-0 (Garvin). **G2:** Lost to Louisville 9-5 in 8 (Callahan).

League:

RULE: The balk rule was refined – pitcher was prohibited from faking pick-off throw.

League in trouble:

Proposal was made to pool the players and receipts, then redistribute the players to specific teams before each new season.

- Salary cap was imposed – no player could earn more than \$2,400, and strict disciplinary rules were enforced.
- Great disparity was evident between top 9 teams and bottom 3.

▪ **Pittsburgh's Jimmy Williams'** 219 hits were an ML-record (broken in 1927).

For the season, Williams hit .355 with 27 triples.

▪ Washington OF **Buck Freeman** slugged 25 HRs – most since CWS' Ned Williamsons (27) & Fred Pfeffer (25) in 1884.

▪ **Philadelphia Phillies** were guilty of using a buzzer buried beneath the 3B coach's box.

Phillies' **Ed Delahanty** hit safely in 31 straight games (.410 during streak)

▪ **Brooklyn Grooms** were re-named **Superbas**.

Brooklyn's record was reduced to 88-42 for having illegally signed a player.

▪ **St. Louis Browns** were re-named **Perfectos** for 1 year before they were permanently called the Cardinals.

▪ **Baltimore's** 364 stolen bases was an ML record.

▪ **Cincinnati** won 14 games in a row.

▪ **St. Louis's** +45 turnaround thanks to influx of former Cleveland Spiders (see Cleveland Spiders below)

Cleveland Spiders played only 24 games at home.

Club was also called the Exiles, Misfits, Castoffs, Wanderers, and Forsakens.

- From July to the end of season, Spiders played remainder of their games on the road (11-102), many of which were played in Chicago.
- Spiders won once in their final 41 games.
- Losing streaks were many: 13, 14, 16, and 24 games; club went 1-27 in September.
- Team was outscored 1,252 – 529.

Reason: **Frank Robinson**, owner of Spiders, also owned the St. Louis franchise and depleted his former team of marquee stars (Cy Young, OF Jesse Burkett, Bobby Wallace, and 2B Cupid Childs), sending them to the Perfectos.

- Pitchers that suffered: Jim Hughey 4-30, Charlie Knepper 4-22 and Frank Bates 1-18.
- Club went combined 0-28 vs. Brooklyn and Cincinnati.
- From 1892-1898, Spiders placed 2nd 3 times and played .500 ball all 7 years.

After the 1899 season ended...

NL dropped the following teams: Cleveland, Louisville, Baltimore, and Washington franchises.

Western League changed name to **American League** – and would declare themselves a major league in 1901.

Boston C **Marty Bergen** killed his wife, 2 children and himself. Motive unknown.

First Year: OF Ginger Beaumont, P **Joe McGinnity**, Turkey Mike Donlin, P Deacon Phillippe, Tommy Leach and P **Jack Chesbro**.

Chicago Cubs

1900

manager: Tom Loftus

| Standings | | ERA | BA | FA |
|------------------------|-------|----------|----------|----------|
| Brooklyn Superbas | 82-54 | | .293 | |
| Pittsburgh Pirates | 79-60 | 3.07 | | |
| Philadelphia Phillies | 75-63 | | | |
| Boston Beaneaters | 66-72 | | | .953 |
| Chicago Orphans | 65-75 | 3.23 (2) | .268 (8) | .933 (7) |
| St. Louis Cardinals | 65-75 | | | |
| Cincinnati Reds | 62-77 | | | |
| New York Giants | 60-78 | | | |

FA: 418 errors; Cupid Childs led NL in putouts, assists, and errors (52). 3B Bradley led position in errors (61; .882 FA)

Home: 45-30 Away: 20-45

Best: NYG 12-8, Brooklyn 10-10

Worst: Boston & Pittsburgh 8-12, Cincinnati, St. Louis & Pittsburgh 9-11.

| Top Pitchers | IP | Record | Shutouts | ERA | |
|-----------------|-----|--------|----------|------|---|
| Nixey Callahan | 285 | 13-16 | 2 | 3.82 | |
| Clark Griffith | 248 | 14-13 | 4 | 3.05 | tied for 1 st in shutouts |
| Ned Garvin | 246 | 10-18 | 1 | 2.41 | 2 nd in ERA; 4 th in strikeouts (107) |
| Jack Taylor | 222 | 10-17 | 2 | 2.55 | 3 rd in ERA |
| Jocko Menefee | 117 | 9- 4 | | 3.85 | |
| Bert Cunningham | 64 | 4- 3 | | 4.36 | |

| Top Hitters | AB | Runs | Hits | HR | RBI | Ave | SB | EBH | |
|--------------------|-----|------|------|----|-----|------|----|-----|---------------------------------|
| OF Danny Green | 389 | 63 | 116 | 5 | 49 | .298 | 28 | 31 | |
| OF Sam Mertes | 481 | 72 | 142 | 7 | 60 | .295 | 38 | 36 | 5 th in stolen bases |
| OF Jack McCarthy | 503 | 68 | 148 | 0 | 48 | .294 | 22 | 23 | |
| 3B Bill Bradley | 444 | 63 | 125 | 5 | 49 | .282 | 14 | 34 | |
| OF Jimmy Ryan | 415 | 66 | 115 | 5 | 59 | .277 | 19 | 34 | |
| 1B John Ganzel | 284 | 29 | 78 | 4 | 32 | .275 | 5 | 22 | |
| 2B Cupid Childs | 538 | 70 | 131 | 0 | 44 | .243 | 15 | 19 | |
| C Tim Donahue | 216 | 21 | 51 | 0 | 17 | .236 | 8 | 11 | |
| SS Barry McCormick | 379 | 35 | 83 | 3 | 48 | .219 | 8 | 21 | |

Club: 8th in runs (635); led league in doubles

Subs: Frank Chance hit .305 in 151 AB, 1B Bill Everitt hit .264 in 91 AB.

Trades: IF Charlie Dexter (from Louisville; 3 years); OF Jack McCarthy (1900, 1903-05; career: .287);

2B Clarence Lemuel "Cupid" Childs, P Jocko Menefee (NYG; 4 years); OF Patrick Cozy Dolan (career .269, 2 years).

Childs starred with the Cleveland Spiders in the 1890s (career: .312).

Solid fielding 3B Harry Wolverton was sent to Phillies.

Rookies: C **Roger Bresnahan** and C **Johnny Kling**.

Bresnahan had only 2 AB with Cubs; his best days were ahead with NYG, catching greats such as Christy Matthewson and Joe McGinnity. Bresnahan was the catcher that introduced the shin guards.

Kling was 1st to use snap throw to 1st to pick runners off base; was considered one of the best catchers in ML history.

Club:

- Attendance: 248,577.
- Club conducted spring training in Selma, Alabama
- Tom Loftus** went 118-161 (.423) in his two years managing club. Loftus previously managed the Cincinnati Reds.
- Chance first balked at playing 1B; original position was catcher.
- Soon to jump to **American League:** Bresnahan, Griffith, Callahan, and Mertes. The latter 3 signed on with White Sox. CWS lost 7 players to the AL.

5/13: Two separate areas of West Side Grounds bleachers caught fire.

- Cubs released OF **Jimmy Ryan** at the end of the season.
Ryan Led league in fielding several years; hit .300+ 13 times and hit .320 for Washington Senators in 1902.
- Former manager **Cap Anson** came out with book *A Ballplayer's Career*.

Season:

- 4/19: **Beat Cincinnati** 13-10 (Griffith). CWS scored 5 runs in 7th inning.
4/27: **Beat St. Louis** 6-5 in home opener (Taylor). McCormick hit 2-run HR.
- 5/5: **Beat Cincinnati** 4-3 (Menefee). Ryan led off game with HR.
5/6: **Beat Pittsburgh** 7-6 (Callahan). CWS' Cupid Childs and Pittsburgh's player-manager Fred Clarke fought after the game.
5/13: **Beat NYG** 10-9 (Griffith). CWS trailed 9-3 in the 7th.
- 5/26: **Beat Brooklyn** 1-0 (Callahan) in 1:35.
5/30: **Lost DH to Philadelphia. G1:** Lost 5-2 (Griffith).
G2: Lost 13-3 (Callahan). CWS' 3B Bill Bradley committed 5 errors in DH, 4 in G2.
- 6/8: **Lost to Boston** 6-5 (Callahan). Mertes led off game with HR
6/9: **Beat Boston** 6-2 (Griffith). Mertes led off game with HR
6/19: **Beat Pirates and Rube Waddell** 1-0 in 14 (Griffith). Griffith won game with RBI 2B
6/29: **Beat Brooklyn** 1-0 (Griffith). Childs hit RBI 2B in 6th.
- 7/1: **Beat Brooklyn** 6-5 (Callahan). McCarthy hit crucial 2-run single in 9th inning.
7/4: **Swept DH from Philadelphia. G1:** Won 10-4. **G2:** Won 5-4 in 12.
7/6: **Beat Boston** 6-4 (Griffith). CWS in 2nd place at 37-32.
7/7: **Lost to Boston and Kid Nichols** 11-4 (Callahan). Nichols' notched his 300th career win (361-208)
- 8/8: **Lost to Philadelphia** 5-4 (Garvin). OF Ryan stole 4 bases.
8/29: **Beat St. Louis** 6-5 in 11 (Garvin). CWS was behind 5-4 in bottom of 11th.
- 9/5: **Split DH with Brooklyn. G1:** Lost 9-4 (Taylor). **G2:** Won 12-1 (Menefee). CWS scored 8 runs in the 5th inning.
9/6: **Lost to Philadelphia** 20-5 (Callahan allowed 25 hits).
9/11 **DH vs. NYG: G1:** Lost 14-3 (Callahan allowed 23 hits). **G2:** tied at 3 after 9 innings (Griffith).
9/12: **DH vs. NYG: G1:** won 9-1 (Menefee). **G2:** lost 7-6 (Taylor).
CWS' Sammy Strang went 7-8 at bat in the double-header but also committed **NL-record** 6 errors.
9/29: **DH vs. St. Louis. G1:** lost 10-7 (Menefee). CWS scored their runs in the 1st.
G2: 0-0 after 7 (Griffith). Called on account of darkness.
- 10/8: **Lost DH to Cincinnati. G1:** Lost 13-4 (Menefee). **G2:** Lost 9-1 after 8 (Taylor).
Cubs committed 17 errors in DH (Sammy Strang, 6); Reds committed 8. Total of 25 errors is **ML record** for DH.

League:

RULE: Until 1950 – home team was given the option to bat 1st.

RULE: **BA title champion:** no specific rule was in place.

Through 1920, candidates were to have participated in 60% of the games to qualify.

- League returned to just **1 umpire** per game (changed in 1909).
- Washington, Louisville, Baltimore, and Cleveland folded after the 1899 season.
Louisville and Pittsburgh teams merged; the Cincinnati and NY Giants teams also combined as one.
Choice of eliminating the **Baltimore franchise** was perplexing: Orioles were often in 1st division.
Louisville owner **Barney Dreyfus** (1900-1931) also owned the Pittsburgh franchise.
After 1899 season ended, Dreyfus shifted **Honus Wagner** and **Tommy Leach** and other Louisville players to Pittsburgh.
Wagner's Hall of Fame career was well underway – winning his 1st of 8 batting titles.
- **NL owners divided:** Four against four.
Chicago's James Hart, Brooklyn's Charles Ebbets, Phillies John Rogers and Pittsburgh's Barney Dreyfus opposed NYG owner Andrew Freedman, Boston's Arthur Soden, Frank Robison (St. Louis), and John Brush (Cincinnati).
Hart's group fought and defeated Freedman's plan for a **National Baseball Trust** – a holding company for the remaining 8 NL franchises. The Trust would have enabled Freedman's group to own 66% stock in the NL.
- **Choosing NL President** was also controversial: Al Spalding vs. Nick Young. Took 25 votes – each ending in a 4-4 tie.
NY Giants owner Freedman walked out, seeking and eventually receiving an injunction to thwart Spalding's victory.
NL had no leader until Harry Pulliam took office in 1902.

- **Players Protective Association** – presented their objections to owners’ reserve clause. NL owners rejected PPA’s objections. Association dissolved in 1903. First PPA President was C Chief Zimmer.
- New and improved pitches on scene: **screwball** (aka fadeaway) – opposite of curveball.
Pitch was perfected by NYG’s Christy Matthewson; the **knuckleball**, and the **spitball** –the last which was banned in 1920.
- **Relief pitchers** were called “rescue pitchers.”
- **Blue Laws** still prevailed. To date: CWS, Cincinnati, and St. Louis were the only teams that played Sunday baseball.
- **Fielding** was still a challenge:
CWS/Phil 3B Harry Wolverton: .881 (49 errors)
Pittsburgh 3B Jimmy Williams: .889 (51 errors)
NYG 3B Piano Legs Hickman: .842 (86-91 errors) – lowest FA for position player
- **NY Giants** P Joe “Iron Man” McGinnity hit an ML record 41 batters.
- **Pittsburgh’s** Rube Waddell won ERA crown despite 8-13 record.
- **Western League** moved the Grand Rapids club to Cleveland –later became the Cleveland Indians.

First Year: P **Christy Matthewson**. Cincinnati traded him to the NY Giants for P Amos Rusie.
Matthewson’s Hall of Fame numbers: 373-188, 2.13 ERA and 79 shutouts.
Cincinnati franchise considered this their worst trade in club history.

Note: from 1887-1946, the NL enforced an **unwritten code** to not tender any contracts to black players.
Blacks countered by creating their own pro leagues, featuring many who later entered ML’s Hall of Fame.
The **Negro National League** lasted until 1948; 12 years later, the **Negro AL** folded.

A word about **Negro Leagues**: ML’s “gentlemen’s agreement” (banning black players) ended in 1947.
While representing a certain city, teams also “barnstormed” the US– traveling from one site to another and then played winter ball in Havana, Cuba. Although regional leagues were established, there were no balanced schedules, so teams filled in empty dates by playing 50-150 exhibition games.

Most Negro League teams were from the north; most blacks lived in rural areas of the south.
Teams and Leagues had difficulty obtaining money – banks would not do business.
Smaller clubs meant more versatility among players – some pitched one game, caught another, *and* managed.
The name “Giants” was code for a Negro team.

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