

# Eclipse Base Ball Club

## 2022 Schedule

Date	Day	Time	Opponent	Location
May 1	Sunday	2 pm	Canton Cornshuckers	Home
May 15	Sunday	2 pm	Early Risers of Detroit	Home
May 22	Sunday	TBD	Flat Rock Invitational	Flat Rock
June 5	Sunday	1 pm	Woodstock Actives	Woodstock, ON
June 12	Sunday	2 pm	Canton Cornshuckers	Canton
June 18	Saturday	1:30 pm	Lah-de-Dahs	Greenfield Village
June 25-26	Sat-Sun	TBD	Base Ball Festival	Frankenmuth
July 10	Sunday	2 pm	Rochester Grangers	Home
July 17	Sunday	1 pm	Saginaw Old Golds	Vestaburg, MI
July 24	Sunday	2 pm	Woodstock Actives	Home
July 31	Sunday	1 pm	Early Risers of Detroit	Fort Wayne, Detroit
August 12-14	Fri-Sun	TBD	Silver Ball Tournament	Mumford, NY
August 20	Saturday	1:30 pm	Lah-de-Dahs	Greenfield Village
August 27	Saturday	2 pm	Trenton Volunteers	Home
September 11	Sunday	2 pm	Royal Oak Wahoos	Royal Oak
September 17	Saturday	Noon	Capital Base Ball Club	Home
September 18	Sunday	1 pm	Lah-de-Dahs	Home



All home games are played at Ford Field, next to Mill Race Village  
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 Visit the Northville Historical Society at [www.millracenorthville.org](http://www.millracenorthville.org)



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Civil War - Era Baseball at Ford Field, Northville, MI



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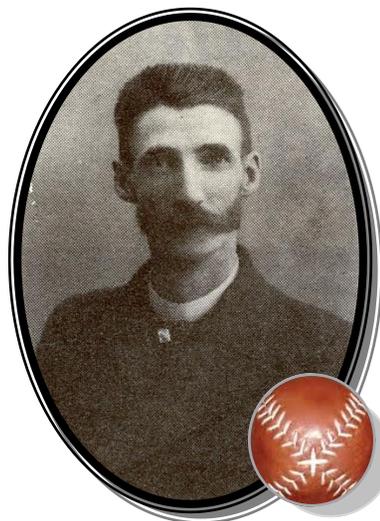
Northville's first base ball club ('baseball' was two words in the 1860s) was organized in the early fall of 1867. The club played its first known game on September 28th, defeating the "Red Rovers" of Plymouth by a score of 37-12 in a five-inning contest.

Though no nickname was mentioned, the club appears to have been the foundation for the "Eclipse" which was noted in the September 9, 1869 edition of the *Wayne County Record*, (later renamed *Northville Record*).

BASE BALL MATCH.—A friendly game of Base Ball was played on these grounds Monday P. M. 30th ult between the "Lone Star" of Plymouth and "Eclipse" of Northville, resulting a victory for the latter club, after nine innings. The time occupied—3 hours and 45 minutes. Following is the score:

LONE STAR.		ECLIPSE.	
P.	B.	P.	B.
D. Smith, c.	0 0 3	C. Children, p.	8 1
F. Rodgers, 3 b.	5 2	H. Whitaker, s.	0 2
G. Smith, l. f.	5 2	F. Scott, 1. b.	5 5
M. Weeks, c. f.	3 3	J. Evans, 2. b.	5 2
W. Burrows, .i.	1 5	G. Wickes, 3. b.	5 2
A. Lee, r. f.	5 3	W. J. Little, l. f.	4 5
F. Forbes, s.	5 2	A. C. Gardner, c. f.	7 2
G. Shaffer, 1. b.	3 3	D. H. Downer, r. f.	5 5
John King, p.	3 4	M. H. Webster, c.	7 3
	36 27		53 27
Innings.....	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		
Lone Star.....	2 0 7 3 14 1 5 3 1—36		
Eclipse.....	1 2 1 1 13 2 8 11 4—53		

Home-runs—One, by D. H. Downer, of the Eclipse.  
Umpire, H. C. Hart, of Plymouth.  
Scorers, King Ambler for the Eclipse and C. Miller, for the Lone Star.



William J. Little, Leftfielder of the original Eclipse Base Ball Club

One hundred and thirty-four years later, in 2003, the current "Eclipse Base Ball Club" was organized to carry on the tradition and play other 'vintage' base ball clubs by the rules and gentlemanly conduct of the 1860's.



## 2022 Eclipse Base Ball Club Roster



Ethan "Moonlight" Graham	Scott "Scratch" McMahon	Jeremiah "Bull Frog" Vera-Burgos
Dennis "Stitch" Haggerty	Keith "Jaundice" Polakowski	Zach "Kid" Vera-Burgos
Eric "Badger" Holdorf	Natalie "Chip" Polakowski	Bobby "Beaker" Voss
Jason "Greenback" Lynch	John "Trouble" Rowe	Dylann "Sunshine" Whitee
Dan "Mac" McEvelly	Al "Toes" Smitley (Scorer)	Julian "Frisco" Zendejas
	Joe "Cuppa" Tomassi	

## A Spectator's Guide to Vintage Base Ball

To maintain a sense of mid-19th century gentlemanly sportsmanship, spectators are encouraged to applaud fine plays made by members of either club, regardless of their personal affiliations.

**Hurrah!** - Or "Hip, Hip, Hurrah", a general cheer.

**Fine strike, Sir!** - For a well-hit ball by a striker or batter.

**Well held, Sir!** - For a well-played putout by a fielder.



### 1860's Base Ball Terminology



<b>Tally, Run</b> - A run scored	<b>Spectators, Crowd</b> - Fans
<b>Hands lost, Outs</b> - Outs	<b>Club</b> - Team ("team" was never used)
<b>Muff</b> - Error	<b>On the bound</b> - Play made on one bounce
<b>Behind, Catcher</b> - Catcher	<b>On the fly</b> - Play made in the air
<b>Striker, Batter</b> - Batter	<b>Grounds</b> - Playing field

### Eclipse Base Ball Club home rules of play:

The Eclipse BBC opts for an eased adherence to historically-accurate rules to play a more practical game for 21st century players and spectators.

**Bound Rule:** The pre-1865 'bound rule' is used. The batter is out if the ball is caught, in fair or foul territory, on one bounce. Base runners are not required to but may advance, without tagging-up, if a fair ball is caught on one bound.

**Overrunning First Base** is not allowed. During wet conditions, this rule may be loosened to avoid injuries.

**Fair/Foul:** A ball is determined fair or foul by where it first hits the ground regardless of its path thereafter. Strikers sometimes intentionally strike the ball so that it hits in fair territory in front of home plate and spins into foul territory.

**Stealing:** Base runners are free to lead off and can be picked off base. Unlike the 1860s, stealing is allowed only if the catcher drops the ball or allows the ball to bounce more than once prior to gaining control of it.

**No Free Returns:** Runners may not advance on a foul ball and can be put out if returning late to their base provided the ball goes through the pitcher's hands and a play is then made at the runner's base.

**Balls and Strikes** are not called unless deemed necessary by the umpire if the pitcher is not supplying good balls to hit or the batter continually fails to swing at good pitches.

**Sliding, spitting, or swearing will be admonished by the umpire!**