

1877 International Association Championship

Pre-Game

At the beginning of its 1877 season, the International Association consisted of 23 teams. Many of them were cooperatives, interested more in the social and political benefit to be gained from hometown glory than in financial profit. Of the 23, these 7 paid the additional \$15 fee required to contend for the championship pennant:

Columbus Buckeyes
Guelph Maple Leafs
London Tecumsehs
Lynn Live Oaks
Manchester
Pittsburgh Alleghenys
Rochester

Only games played between pairs of these teams were to count toward the championship; all other games were the equivalent of exhibitions.

Tuesday, October 2, dawned with these championship standings, the Live Oaks having disbanded two weeks earlier:

London	13-4
Pittsburgh	11-4
Rochester	8-8
Manchester	7-9
Columbus	4-8
Guelph	3-12

Since the Alleghenys had only two games left to play (both against Guelph) after Tuesday, and London none, a win by London would give the Tecumsehs the title. But both London and Pittsburgh were still in contention.

Return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear, to Tecumseh Park outside these windows, and our play-by-play voice, Jim Van Horne.

London Tecumsehs



Phil Powers C

Fred Goldsmith P

Mike Burke SS



Joe "Dutch" Hornung LF

George "Foghorn" Bradley 1B



Marshall Quinton 2B



John Henry "Herm" Doscher 3B

Jake Knodell RF



Tommy Smith CF 



Alleghenys of Pittsburgh



John McKelvey CF

Candy Nelson SS



James "Pud" Galvin P

Ned Williamson 3B



Chick Fulmer 2B

Tom Dolan C



George Creamer LF

Bill Holbert RF



Jake Goodman 1B

