Atlantic Base Ball Club

Pre-game / Fan-Fest Day Entertainment

What do we offer?

On-field 19th century base ball match presented as *living-history* before a homegame. All participants use replica equipment and uniforms of the time period.

1860's era: Envision hard-nosed ball players in replica uniforms using no gloves to field, pitchers from 45 feet away throwing underhand, and Umpires in suits and top hats calling the Striker out on any balls caught after one bounce.

1880's era: At this time the players wore knickers and as the pitching switched to overhand the catchers wisely began using protective equipment. The Ball and Strike counts were different each year but otherwise like modern baseball.

Fan Interaction:

ABBC can have players in the PA booth to assist 'calling the game' and to explain the rules and plays to the crowd. ABBC can have players in the stands and causeways to explain the game to fans before and after the match.

Player Interaction:

We've found that many modern players are interested in the history of the game, especially the older equipment. We would be happy to demonstrate the game and answer questions for players and fans.

Who are we?

A vintage baseball club that plays matches the way they were played at anytime in history.

We play from April to November, mainly on the east coast and average about 50 games a year.

We pride ourselves on being authentic in uniform, equipment and presentation.

Our mission is to educate the public about the history of Baseball and how the game was played in the 19th century.

Celebrate the History of Baseball

Brooklyn's First Base Ball Champions – the Brooklyn Atlantics were established in 1855

Best Record in National Association of Base Ball Players in 1857, 1858

NABBP Champions: 1859, 1860, 1861, 1864, 1865, 1866, and 1869 (The first year of Professional Baseball)

Experience

We have conducted 19th Century Base Ball matches in conjunction with these Professional Baseball Organizations.

- Brooklyn Cyclones - Pawtucket Red Sox - Staten Island Yankees - Somerset Patriots - Norwich Navigators -

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