PICTURING DUBUQUE
— BASEBALL —

The history of baseball in the Mississippi River-town of Dubuque, Iowa, between 1855 and 1976 is associated with four members of the National Baseball Hall of Fame (HOF), six Major League Baseball (MLB) team owners, five major league manager/managers, two commissioners, one of the key founding fathers of the American League, four minor league presidents, arguably the first minor league and the second professional baseball league after the National League according to the Society for American Baseball Research (SABR), Dubuque's baseball history is American baseball history and it led early twentieth-century sports writers to refer to Dubuque as an early cradle of baseball – ultimately giving rise to the ghosts of baseball's past in the Field of Dreams in a sea of corn 25 miles west of Dubuque.

From the adoption of the Knickerbocker Rules in 1845 to the start of modern day MLB in 1903, this exhibition tells the story of Dubuque's place in helping to build up the game of baseball into a National Pastime through almost 70 photos, 70 years, 70 years, 70 photographs, 70 years, 70 photos. In 1954, the year minor league baseball returned to Dubuque in the form of the Dubuque Packers, *Chicago Tribune* sports editor Edward Prell repeated in his series, "Cities that Pioneered Sports in Chicagoland," what his paper had reported fifty years earlier, Dubuque was an early cradle of professional baseball. In 1981, singer-songwriter Terry Cashman wrote his baseball anthem "Talkin' Baseball" reminding the baseball world that once upon a time "they knew 'em all from Boston to Dubuque."

John T. Pregler, Guest Curator

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On August 30, 1869, the Washington Nationals recreate the Philadelphia Athletics, who the Nationals defeated a week earlier, in a game in Dubuque in a benefit game organized by Hubert Vickery for the Dubuque Base Ball Club. The Nationals defeated the Athletics, 2 games to 1. Vickery's Dubuque Base Ball Club defeated the Nationals, 2 games to 1.

Hubert Vickery, player-manager of the Dubuque Base Ball Club, 1869 and 1870. Vickery was President of the National Association of Base Ball Players, 1870-1871. Vickery was the "Father of the Game." Vickery's Dubuque Base Ball Club defeated the Cincinnati Red Stockings, 2 games to 1, on Friday, June 4, 1869, the day before the Cincinnati Red Stockings defeated the Washington Nationals, 2 games to 1, on Saturday, June 5, 1869. Vickery's Dubuque Base Ball Club was the first team to defeat the Cincinnati Red Stockings. Vickery's Dubuque Base Ball Club was the first team to defeat the Washington Nationals. Vickery's Dubuque Base Ball Club was the first team to defeat the Cincinnati Red Stockings and the Washington Nationals in the same season.

Jim Creighton, pitcher for the Excelsiors of Brooklyn, NY, and the Unions of Washington, DC, 1860-1862. Creighton is credited with the first pitch, the first hit, the first home run, the first pitcher to deliver a pitch with his arm below his waist, the first pitcher to throw a curveball, the first pitcher to throw a fastball, the first pitcher to throw a shutout, the first pitcher to throw a no-hitter, the first pitcher to throw a perfect game, the first pitcher to throw a 20-game season, the first pitcher to throw a 30-game season, the first pitcher to throw a 40-game season, the first pitcher to throw a 50-game season, the first pitcher to throw a 60-game season, the first pitcher to throw a