



OHIO CUP

VINTAGE
BASE BALL FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 2 & 3, 2023



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THE OHIO CUP IS A FESTIVAL

By "Gentleman" Jim Tootle

The Ohio Cup matches are played as a three-day festival rather than a tournament. The emphasis is on celebrating the wonderful game of vintage base ball and the joy of playing the 1860s-era version of the national pastime. Matches are time-limited (rather than the customary nine innings) so that teams have the opportunity to play a number of opponents, some of which have traveled a great distance.

In its early years, the Ohio Cup was played as a tournament. But in the traditional bracket format, Ohio teams that had already played each other several times during the summer often played each other again, thereby missing out on the opportunity to get acquainted with our out-of-state guests. The bracket format also made it difficult for visiting teams to make travel plans since they did not know in advance what times their games would be played. Most importantly, it was felt that playing for a tournament championship places too much emphasis on winning at the expense of the general spirit of good sportsmanship and camaraderie that characterizes vintage base ball and the Ohio Cup.

The festival format has proven to be a great success, creating a colorful, educational, and sportsmanlike setting for participants and spectators to step back in time and experience base ball as it was meant to be played, by gentlemen (and ladies).

A BRIEF TIMELINE

- 1992** The 1st Ohio Cup was on Memorial Day weekend. Participants included two Ohio Village Muffins teams (Hurlers and Strikers), Kent Base Ball Club and the Great Black Swamp Frogs.
- 1993** The Ohio Cup was moved to the weekend following Labor Day. There were Friday, Saturday and Sunday matches. Participants included eight clubs: Kentucky Pioneers, Middletown Laurels, Great Black Swamp Frogs, Sharon Woods Shamrocks, Carriage Hill Farm Clod Busters, Deep River Grinders and the Ohio Village Muffins (Hurlers and Strikers).
- 1994** The format was changed to a festival rather than a tournament and moved to Labor Day weekend. Participants numbered nine clubs (including the Colorado Vintage Base Ball Club and the Greenfield Lah-De-Dahs), as well as the debut of the Ohio Village Diamonds.
- 1995** Participants included 12 clubs, adding the Canal Fulton Mules, Sycamore Grasshoppers and the first appearance by the National City 45s.
- 1997** Participants included 15 clubs, adding the Rock Springs Ground Squirrels with their feared "chi chi chi" battle call and the 1922 Giants. The first soiree and potluck dinner was held on Saturday night.
- 1997–2023** Participation gradually increased from 15 clubs to 30 clubs, coming from Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Michigan, Missouri, Indiana, Minnesota, Tennessee, Illinois, Florida and more. Huzzah!

SCHEDULE OF MATCHES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

TIME	MUFFIN MEADOW	CAPITOLINE GROUNDS	UNION GROUNDS	ELYSIAN FIELD
9 a.m.	Ohio Village Muffins – V squad vs St. Louis Brown Stockings	Cincinnati Buckeyes vs Minnesota Union	Rochester Grangers vs Volunteers of the Ohio 9th	Frosty Sons of Thunder vs Columbus Capitals
10 a.m.	Iron Horses of the Erie Railway vs Great Black Swamp Frogs BBC	Black Flags of Drovertown vs Deep River Grinders	Monarchs BBC vs Hog and Hominy Picked 9	Akron Black Stockings vs Arizona 9
11 a.m.	Ohio Village Muffins – O squad vs Detroit BBC	Columbus Capitals vs Filmore Fungi	Cincinnati Buckeyes vs Volunteers of the Ohio 9th	Addison Mountain Stars vs Indianapolis Blues
Noon	Rochester Grangers vs Akron Black Stockings	St. Louis Brown Stockings vs Monarchs BBC	Frosty Sons of Thunder vs Great Black Swamp Frogs BBC	Minnesota Union vs Iron Horses of the Erie Railway
1 p.m.	Ohio Village Muffins – V squad vs Hog and Hominy Picked 9	Detroit BBC vs Indianapolis Blues	Addison Mountain Stars vs Deep River Grinders	Black Flags of Drovertown vs Filmore Fungi
2 p.m.	Volunteers of the Ohio 9th vs Monarchs BBC	Columbus Capitals vs Arizona 9	Minnesota Union vs Rochester Grangers	Frosty Sons of Thunder vs St. Louis Brown Stockings
3 p.m.	Iron Horses of the Erie Railway vs Indianapolis Blues	Hog and Hominy Picked 9 vs Great Black Swamp Frogs BBC	Cincinnati Buckeyes vs Deep River Grinders	Akron Black Stockings vs Ohio Village Muffins – O squad
4 p.m.	Arizona 9 vs Filmore Fungi	Addison Mountain Stars vs Detroit BBC	Black Flags of Drovertown vs Ohio Village Muffins – V squad	

SCHEDULE OF MATCHES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

TIME	MUFFIN MEADOW	CAPITOLINE GROUNDS	UNION GROUNDS	ELYSIAN FIELD
9 a.m.	Minnesota Union vs St. Louis Brown Stockings	German Village 9 vs Tippecanoe Canal Jumpers	Columbus Buckeyes vs Detroit BBC	Monitor BBC of Chelsea vs Fillmore Fungi
10 a.m.	Ohio Village Muffins – O squad vs Rochester Grangers	Hog and Hominy Picked 9 vs Deep River Grinders	Cincinnati Red Stockings vs Mansfield Independents	Fulton Mules vs Frosty Sons of Thunder
11 a.m.	Ohio Village Muffins – V squad vs Arizona 9	Tippecanoe Canal Jumpers vs Minnesota Union	Black Flags of Drovertown vs Addison Mountain Stars	St. Louis Brown Stockings vs Indianapolis Blues
Noon	Fillmore Fungii vs Mansfield Independents	Detroit BBC vs Fulton Mules	Rochester Grangers vs Cincinnati Red Stockings	German Village 9 vs Frosty Sons of Thunder
1 p.m.	Monitor BBC of Chelsea vs Black Flags of Drovertown	Hog and Hominy Picked 9 vs Indianapolis Blues	St. Louis Brown Stockings vs Columbus Buckeyes	Minnesota Union vs Deep River Grinders
2 p.m.	Ohio Village Diamonds vs Ladies Club	Detroit BBC vs Arizona 9	Addison Mountain Stars vs Mansfield Independents	Ohio Village Muffins – O squad vs Fillmore Fungii
3 p.m.	Tippecanoe Canal Jumpers vs Fulton Mules	Monitor BBC of Chelsea vs Cincinnati Red Stockings	Hog and Hominy Picked 9 vs Black Flags of Drovertown	Frosty Sons of Thunder vs Ohio Village Muffins – V squad
4 p.m.	Deep River Grinders vs Ohio Village Muffins – O squad	Arizona 9 vs Addison Mountain Stars	Indianapolis Blues vs Columbus Buckeyes	Rochester Grangers vs German Village 9

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American House Hotel & Tavern

Sat. • 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Sun. • 1–4 p.m.

Food Trucks Hours

Located near 17th Ave. fields

Sat. & Sun. • 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Lunch Serving Times

American House Hotel

Sat. & Sun. • 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Hospitality Room Hours

Sat. & Sun. • 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Hospitality Tent Hours

Located near 17th Ave. fields

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