



Fairport Athletic Club (Y.M.C.A.) 1892 Baseball Team



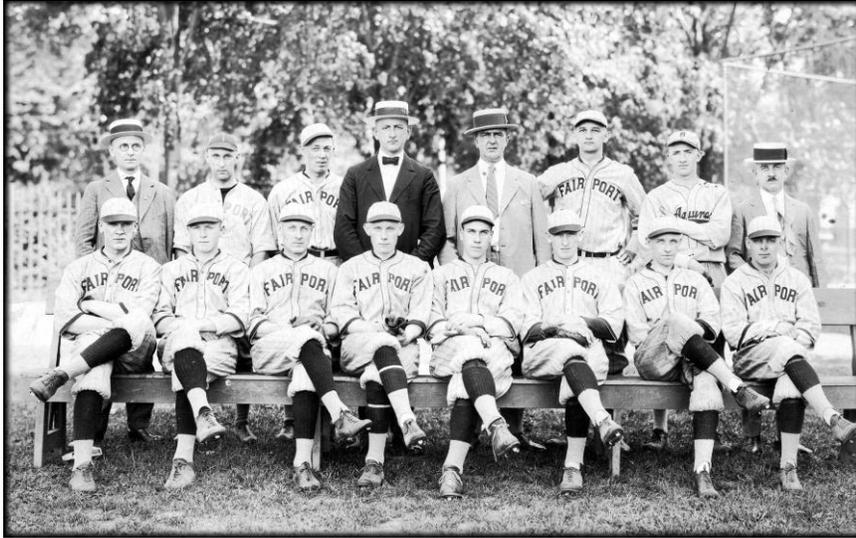
Egypt-Fairport Baseball Team

April is the traditional beginning of the season for the “national pastime,” baseball. The sport was popular in Perinton and Fairport from the early days of the 20th century, with the community fielding at least four teams of various types and sizes between the 1890’s and the 1930’s.

Above are photos of two of the area’s teams. The top one is of the 1892 Fairport Athletic Club Y.M.C.A. team. Players include in the top row, J. Calihan, 2nd base; J.B. Crippen, center field; in the second row: W. Milton Dixon, left field; Clarence Greene, 1st base; George Cobb, manager; T. Cashman, shortstop; Dennis Doherty, left field; and in the front row: Frank Southworth, catcher and George Mulliner, pitcher.

The lower photo features the 1930-31 Egypt-Fairport Baseball Team. They played on a field located in the vicinity of today’s Perinton Square, which, in addition to being well-kept and frequently used, also had bleachers for the fans. The players can be

identified as follows: in the front row, Tut Morgan (from Rochester), George Long, Howard Footer, Ed Bortle, Harry Rainbow, Jr., Sid Delano, Ernie Burns, Carl Nelson, and mascot Bobbie Burns, and in the second row: Louie O'Leary, Jay Staley, Bill Kodweis (sponsor), George Rainbow, Harry Rainbow, Sr., Purrell Hitchcock (manager), (-?-), and Corny Crowley.



Western New York Semi-Pro league

Western New York apparently had a number of semi-pro teams dating from the early to mid 20th century. Pictured above is a photo of one of the teams belonging to the Western New York League. Identifications are as follows: in the back row are A.N. Clark, Edwin Jordan, Denby Waud, F.A. Terpening, Bert Stuben, Carl Rapp, (-?-), and Charles Carpenter, and in the front row third from the left is Al Lippincott. Frank Wood (also known as “Mr. Athlete”) is fourth from the right.



C.P.F. Baseball Team

This photo, probably dating from early in the 20th century unfortunately has no identifications nor does it give any hints as to the meaning of the letters “C.P.F.”

Baseball tradition continues today with school district teams and Perinton’s very active Little League program, which celebrated its 60th year in 2011. In that year over 1400 players took part in both the baseball and softball leagues. Over the years literally thousands of parents and coaches, local businesses and schools, and fans have made it possible for youngsters between the ages of five and eighteen to participate in the “national pastime.”