

ISEG Information Update

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Some salient findings—

Since my research beginning in October 2006, some 4400 ISEGs have been found SO FAR---**when looking at the data, keep--found SO FAR-- in the back of your mind.** Regarding the seven principal leagues that have represented the Major Leagues since 1871, at least one ISEG has been found for the following five leagues: National League, American League, American Association, Federal League and National Association. For the remaining two leagues, no ISEGs have been found for: Union Association and Players League. It's finding them that's the rub!

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Description of the type of ISEG game information found—

Some games may have a brief narrative in addition to the information listed here. A few play-by-plays were discovered, usually involving ISEGs from the 19th Century as well as many games played by the Pittsburgh Pirates (N) in the 20th Century.

Linescores*	1632 games	37.1 %
Box scores	1468	33.4 %
Scores only@	1254	28.5 %
R-H-E#	46	1.0 %
Totals	4400	100.0 %

*an Inning-by-inning account usually including runs, hits, errors, battery (that is, pitcher and catcher) and sometimes info about homers

@Some include short (usually) narratives with score given, others include score only

#Runs, hits and errors usually listed (generally, no inning-by-inning totals)

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ISEGs found by opposition description (45+)—

So far, the most common opposition description (695) involves one Major League club against another. On the ISEG spreadsheet, found elsewhere on this site, this represents about 16% of the total ISEGs (4400) found so far. The 17 categories, found in the list presented, account for 88% of the 4400 ISEGs found so far.

No league found*	1087
Major vs. Major League	695
International League	434
Eastern League	282
Military clubs	235
American Association	229
Semi-Pro	146
College Teams	139
Inter-State League	97
Pacific Coast League	95
League Alliance	89
International Association	88
New York State League	60
Three-I League	46
Middle Atlantic League	45
New England League	45
National Association	45

*Indicates an opponent's league was not found listed in
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Hall of Fame Game appearances—

On Monday, June 16, 2008 a long-standing tradition in Cooperstown, New York sadly came to an end. The Chicago Cubs were to play the San Diego Padres in the last scheduled Hall of Fame Game ever, but was cancelled due to rain! It seems that the powers that be in Major League baseball decided to end this annual game “because of the complexities of the Major League schedule and its inherent challenges.” SAY WHAT?! Well, so much for a tradition that was in place since 1940! An old-timers game was created in its stead. Good luck with that! Baseball executives have said that this last Hall of Fame Game was to be the last exhibition game due to the Collective Bargaining Agreement; however, I maintain that the annual All-Star Game is an in-season exhibition game and thusly include them on my ISEG list found elsewhere on this site.

To honor the memory of the Hall of Fame Game, a complete list of the 60 games played by the different franchises during its long history is presented here. The club with the best overall record in the HOF Game is the Texas Rangers, who were undefeated in 4 games. The ChiSox have the most losses—7. Note that the Milwaukee Brewers are the only club to represent both leagues in the HOF Game, one in 1976 (AL) and the other in 2001 (NL).

GAMES	(WINS-LOSSES-TIES)
9	Chicago White Sox (A) (1-7-1)
7	Boston Red Sox (A) (4-3-0)
7	Braves (N) (Boston-1 (1-0-0), Milwaukee-2 (0-2-0) and Atlanta 4 (2-2-0))
7	Detroit Tigers (A) (3-3-1)
7	Washington Senators (A) (original club)-2 (2-0-0) and Minnesota Twins-5 (A) (3-2-0)
6	Chicago Cubs (N) (3-2-1)
6	Cleveland Indians (A) (3-2-1)
6	Philadelphia Phillies (N) (1-5-0)

6	Saint Louis Browns-1 (A) (1-0-0) and Baltimore Orioles-5 (A) (3-2-0)
5	Dodgers (N) (Brooklyn-2 (2-0-0) and Los Angeles-3 (2-1-0))
5	Giants (N) (New York-3 (2-1-0) and San Francisco-2 (0-2-0))
5	New York Mets (N) (1-2-2)
5	New York Yankees (A) (3-2-0)
5	Pittsburgh Pirates (N) (1-3-1)
5	Washington Senators (A) (expansion club)-1 (1-0-0) and Texas Rangers-4 (A) (4-0-0)
4	Cincinnati Reds (N) (2-2-0)
4	Saint Louis Cardinals (N) (3-1-0)
3	Athletics (A) (Philadelphia-2, (0-2-0) Kansas City-1 (0-0-1), and Oakland (0-0-0--none))
2	Houston Astros (N) (1-1-0)
2	Kansas City Royals (A) (0-2-0)
2	Milwaukee Brewers-2 (AL--1-0-0) and NL--1-0-0) and Seattle Pilots (A) (0-0-0-none)
2	Montreal Expos (N) (1-0-1)
2	San Diego Padres (N) (0-2-0)
2	Toronto Blue Jays (A) (0-2-0)
1	Arizona Diamondbacks (N) (1-0-0)
1	Angels (A) (Los Angeles-(0-0-0-none), California-1 (0-0-1) and Anaheim-(0-0-0-none))
1	Colorado Rockies (N) (1-0-0)
1	Florida Marlins (N) (0-1-0)
1	Seattle Mariners (A) (1-0-0)
1	Tampa Devil Rays (A) (0-1-0)

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Non-Major League opponent clubs vs. Major League clubs (34+ games)—

Baltimore Orioles (63 games), Buffalo Bisons (62), Syracuse Stars (61), Indianapolis Indians (59), Toronto Maple Leafs (51), Rochester Red Wings (47), Yale University (40), Albany Senators (38), Toledo Mud Hens (38), Syracuse Chiefs (36) and Indianapolis Hoosiers (34).

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College teams faced in ISEGs—

Major League clubs played 54 games versus college teams. The most frequent opponent for the big leaguers were Yale (40 games), Harvard (15), the Santa Clara Broncos (13), the Holy Cross Crusaders (8), Princeton (6), and the California Golden Bears (4). The Boston Red Stockings (NA) faced collegians the most often with 19 ISEGs, followed by the San Francisco Giants (N) with 15 games, the Hartford Dark Blues (NA) 14 games, the Boston Braves (N) with 7 games, the Boston Red Sox (A) and New York Mutuals (NA) with 6 games apiece.

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Combined teams—

Several ISEGs were comprised of players from different Major League teams that faced non-Major Leaguers. A good example of this was the contest that occurred at Yankee Stadium on 7/28, 1943. After Cleveland (A) whipped the Yankees (A) in the first game, 11-6, a second game was on the way. Chapel Hill's (South Carolina) Navy Pre-Flight School club, known as the Cloudbusters, played a combined squad of New York Yankees (A) and Cleveland Indians (A), cleverly named the Yank-Lands. The latter team was managed by none other than Babe Ruth, who appeared in the 6th inning and walked. He was then replaced by a pinch-runner. In the game, witnessed by a crowd of 27,281, the Cloudbusters blasted the Yank-Lands by a score of 11-5.

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ISEGs found by state and province (85+ games, 13 states and one Canadian province)—

In the list shown here, the sum of the 13 states and one province (a total of 3701) represents 84% of all the ISEGs found thus far. ISEGs were not found for 6 states: Alaska, Hawaii, Mississippi, North Dakota, Vermont and Wyoming. Canada has hosted 161 exhibitions in 9 different provinces. I attended an ISEG in my hometown of New Orleans on Monday, May 16, 1977. Playing at the Louisiana Superdome, the Saint Louis Cardinals (N) defeated the New Orleans Pelicans of the American Association, 11-2 before a crowd of 9,049! Thought that fact may help some sleep better at night—ha!

ISEGs

New York	837
Pennsylvania	456
Ohio	413
New Jersey	313
Massachusetts	295
Illinois	275
Connecticut	255
Indiana	187
Rhode Island	136
Maryland	132
Michigan	125
Ontario*	107
Missouri	85
<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>85</u>

*Canada

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ISEGs found by city (60+ games, 19 cities)—

Was thinking of breaking ISEGs down by zip code, but decided against it—just kidding!

New York, NY*	245
Chicago, IL	123
Boston, MA	118
Indianapolis, IN	102
New Haven, CT	100
Philadelphia, PA	95
Rochester, NY	94
Cincinnati, OH	90
Baltimore, MD	89
Pittsburgh, PA	77
Syracuse, NY	76
Cleveland, OH	70
Buffalo, NY	68
Toronto, ON#	67
Albany, NY	65
Newark, NJ	65

Cooperstown, NY 64
Milwaukee, WI 62
Columbus, OH 60

*totals by boroughs—Manhattan--51, the Bronx--28, **Brooklyn—148 (most if a separate city)**,
Queens--14 and Staten Island--4

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ISEGs found involving only Major League teams (100+ games = 17 franchises)—

517 Braves of Boston (451), Milwaukee (28) and Atlanta (38) (N)
332 Baltimore Orioles (5) and New York Yankees (327) (A)
275 Cincinnati Reds (N)
254 Pittsburgh Pirates (N)
252 Giants of New York (221) and San Francisco (31) (N)
238 Saint Louis Cardinals (N)
231 Boston Red Sox (A)
222 Chicago Cubs (N)
201 Chicago White Stockings (N)
199 Athletics of Philadelphia (178), Kansas City (10) and Oakland (11) (A)
186 Dodgers of Brooklyn (170) and Los Angeles (16) (N)
177 Chicago White Sox (A)
172 Philadelphia Phillies (N)
165 Detroit Tigers (A)
151 Milwaukee Brewers (none), Saint Louis Browns (97) and Baltimore Orioles (54) (A)
149 Cleveland Indians (A)
123 Washington Senators (original franchise) (92) and Minnesota Twins (31) (A)
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Games involving one Major League club versus another--the most common cities in which games were played (15+ games)—

So far, 695 ISEGs have been found that involve one Major League club against another.

96 New York-Manhattan (21), Brooklyn (37), The Bronx (25), Queens (13) and Staten Island (0)
62 Cooperstown, New York
58 Chicago, Illinois
50 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
47 Cincinnati, Ohio
45 Cleveland, Ohio
40 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
35 Detroit, Michigan
29 Boston, Massachusetts
19 Saint Louis, Missouri
17 Washington, DC
15 Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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Games involving one Major League club versus another—the most common opponents (10+ games)

80	American League (A)	National League (N)
36	Chicago Cubs (N)	Chicago White Sox (A)
33	Cincinnati Reds (N)	Detroit Tigers (A)
24	Cincinnati Reds (N)	Cleveland Indians (A)
21	Cleveland Indians (A)	Pittsburgh Pirates (N)
18	New York Mets (N)	New York Yankees (A)
16	Boston Red Stockings (NA)	Philadelphia Athletics (NA)
14	New York Giants (N)	New York Yankees (A)
<u>10</u>	<u>Philadelphia Athletics (A)</u>	<u>Philadelphia Phillies (N)</u>

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Games involving a Major League club versus a non-Major League club---the most common opponents (14+ games)

27	New York Mets (N)	Tides (Tidewater and Norfolk)
24	Cincinnati Reds (N)	Indianapolis Indians
23	Baltimore Orioles (A)	Rochester Red Wings
18	New York Yankees (A)	Army Cadets
18	Philadelphia Phillies (N)	Reading Phillies
16	Boston Red Sox (A)	Pawtucket Red Sox
15	New York Yankees (A)	Baltimore Orioles (pre-Major League)
15	New York Yankees (A)	Syracuse Chiefs
15	Saint Louis Cardinals (N)	Rochester Red Wings
<u>14</u>	<u>Chicago White Stockings (N)</u>	<u>Syracuse Stars</u>

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ISEGs played by days of the week (based on 4400 ISEGs)—

Monday	1317	29.9 %
Thursday	749	17.0 %
Sunday	609	13.9 %
Tuesday	550	12.5 %
Wednesday	518	11.8 %
Friday	428	9.7 %
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>229.</u>	<u>5.2 %</u>
Total:	4400	100.0%

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ISEGs played by months of the year (based on 4400 ISEGs)—

July	1117	25.0 %
August	926	21.4 %
June	887	19.8 %
May	587	13.7 %

September	562	12.4 %
April	274	6.6 %
October	47	1.1 %
<u>Total:</u>	<u>4400</u>	<u>100.0 %</u>

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Most ISEGs played by all Major League clubs in one year (70+)—

19th Century baseball was the hayday for the ISEG as there were so many open dates to play such games. In the 20th Century, the most ISEGs were played, not surprisingly, during the U.S. involvement in World War II in the 1940s. From 1942 through 1945, a total of 332 ISEGs were played, an average of 83 exhibition games per year!

1877	208	ISEGs
1876	197	
1871	179	
1875	122	
1874	116	
1943	106	
1872	97	
1944	87	
1873	76	
1942	75	
1878	70	

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Most ISEGs played by a Major League team in one year—

In my research, the leader in ISEGs played by one team, in one season, seems to be the Boston Red Stockings of the National Association (NA) of 1872 with 48. As far as National League clubs, the Boston Red Stockings again appear to be in lead with 42 ISEGs played in 1877.

20 th Century			19 th Century		
<u>G</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CLUB</u>
16	1923	NY (A)	48	1872	Boston Red Stockings (NA)
14	1915	NY (N)	42	1877	Boston Red Stockings (N)
14	1943	PHI (A)	36	1876	Louisville Grays (N)
13	1943	PHI (N)	36	1877	Saint Louis Brown Stockings (N)
12	1876	LOU (N)	34	1871	Chicago White Stockings (NA)
12	1912	NY (A)	32	1876	Boston Red Stockings (N)
12	1915	NY (A)	32	1877	Hartford Dark Blues (N)
12	1921	BOS (A)	28	1877	Louisville Grays (N)
11	1928	NY (A)	26	1876	Saint Louis Brown Stockings (N)
11	1932	NY (A)	24	1871	Cleveland Forest Citys (NA)
10	6 times, 6 clubs				

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ISEGs by ten-year periods—

1871-79	1089
1880-89	145
1890-99	81
1900-09	277
1910-19	439
1920-29	473
1930-39	371
1940-49	529
1950-59	246
1960-69	240
1970-79	219
1980-89	177
1990-99	93
2000-09	21
Total	4400 games

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Most ISEGs played in a month (40+ games)—

46	August 1876 (NL)
43	August 1877 (NL)
42	June 1871 (NA)
42	September 1877 (NL)
40	September 1876 (NL)
40	May 1877 (NL)

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Most ISEGs played on one day (7+)—

For my updated ISEG list (now 4400 in number), I have added the 23 games played just prior to the resumption of the season in 1981. This was a strike-shortened year and was played as a “split” season, consisting of 2 separate halves. Just prior to the All-Star Game being played on Sunday, August 9, six ISEGs were played on Thursday, August 6, ten on Friday, August 7 and seven on Saturday, August 8. Thanks to a suggestion by contributor, Al Yellon, I discovered that 10 ISEGs were played on August 7, as part of the restart of the pennant chase. Those 10 games consisted of: Philadelphia Phillies (N) @ Baltimore Orioles (A), Montreal Expos (N) @ Boston Red Sox (A), Cincinnati Reds (N) @ California Angels (A), Chicago Cubs (N) @ Chicago White Sox (A) @ Comiskey Park, Cleveland Indians (A) @ Pittsburgh Pirates (N), Texas Rangers (A) @ Houston Astros (N), Kansas City Royals (A) @ Saint Louis Cardinals (N), Milwaukee Brewers (A) @ Atlanta Braves (N), Toronto Blue Jays (A) @ New York Mets (N) and New York Yankees (A) versus the Bradenton Yankees of the Gulf Coast League, played at Yankee Stadium.

Other ISEG frequencies for one day—nine ISEGs (once-July 8, 1941), eight (twice-July 9, 1934 and July 8, 1940), seven (thrice-August 3, 1942, June 25, 1951 and August 8, 1981). Six ISEGs were played in one day numerous times.

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1st or 2nd games of doubleheaders—

In-Season Exhibition Games were sometimes played as part of a doubleheader to attract a greater crowd as well as to sponsor some sort of charitable endeavor. Generally, the Major Leaguers would play the non-Major League club that was usually hosting the contest. However, there was a twinbill that was an exception to this rule, because it was the only game discovered that involved **four different** Major League teams playing in a Minor League host city! In fact, the newspapers confirmed the originality of these two games as the first interleague doubleheader exhibitions for charity. The proceeds of the games went to the erection of an addition to the local Hillcrest Hospital. On Monday 6/14, 1937, these games were played in Charleston, West Virginia, which was the home of the Charleston Senators of the Middle Atlantic League. (An aside is the fact that the Senators were a farm team of the Detroit Tigers in spite of possessing the nickname associated with the Washington American League club). Now on to the game! The four Major League clubs involved were the Philadelphia Phillies (N)—the winner, 9-5--versus the Washington Senators (A) in the 1st game. This was followed by the Philadelphia Athletics (A) pitted against the Cincinnati Reds (N)—the winner, 6-4-- in the nightcap. An estimated crowd of 6,000 were entertained for several hours by this historic event. Boy, what a memorable afternoon in Charleston! This may be the only ISEG of this type—4 different teams, 2 AL, 2 NL---ever played and perhaps a second such game may be uncovered! However, only time will tell, especially as research using digitized newspapers is always speedily evolving! So far, I've uncovered 42 doubleheaders and they are listed on the ISEG spreadsheet in the column labeled with the # mark.

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Some notable ISEG feats—

Many ISEGs found only had the score, date and site of the game. So, the items presented here are based on the best available research completed so far. It's sort of an "unofficial and incomplete" record book for ISEGs. Enjoy!

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Triple steal—

On 6/9, 1943 at Great Lakes, Illinois, the Great Lakes Bluejackets, a military team, executed a triple steal in the 6th inning. The Blues beat the Chicago Cubs (N), 4-0, for their 13th consecutive victory. So far, this is the only triple steal documented in an ISEG.

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Stolen bases—

On 8/1, 1960, the Los Angeles Dodgers (N) stole 8 bases, two each by Maury Wills and Tommy Davis and one apiece by Johnny Roseboro and Norm Sherry. Playing in St. Paul, Minnesota, the Dodgers beat their farmhands, 8-1.

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Runs batted in—

On 5/31, 1950, Brooklyn Dodger (N) rookie, Bobby Morgan had 9 RBI, coming on two homers, one a slam in the 3rd inning. So far, this is the best RBI display in an ISEG. Three players, Babe Ruth, Chick

Hafey and Joe Kelly each had 7 RBI. Kelly, playing for the Reading International League club, is the only non-Major League player to have as many RBI in an ISEG.

At the Toronto Maple Leafs of the International League, Babe Ruth of the New York Yankees (A) had six RBI in an inning and two homers in the game. Playing on 7/11, 1930, the Babe blasted a grand slam and a double in the 2nd frame, finishing with 7 ribbies for the day, his last coming on a solo homer. The Yanks bested the Leafs, 16-11, in a slugfest.
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Runs in a game by teams—

The most runs in a game found so far is 78 when the Rockford Forest Citys (NA) pummeled the Maple City team, who were held scoreless. The game (?) lasted 5 innings and was played on Monday, August 14, 1871 at Ogdensburgh, New York. Other than the score, I've found no additional information regarding this game. The 78-0 score also represents the largest margin of victory (78) in any ISEG found so far.

The most runs in an ISEG in the 20th Century was scored by the New Yankees (A), who defeated the Mitchel Field (military) team by a score of 31-6 on 7/20, 1943 at Long Island, New York. On 7/12, 1935, the Boston Braves (N) defeated Wisconsin Rapids, 26-9, the 2nd most tallies in an ISEG in the 20th Century.

Only once has a non-Major League club scored 20+ runs against a big league foe in an ISEG. This occurred on 6/5, 1944 when the Sampson Naval Training Center (military) team whipped the Boston Red Sox (A), 20-7. The game was played at Sampson, New York.
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Runs scored in an inning—

13 is the most by BOS (N) on July 12, 1935

Eleven other times teams have accomplished scoring 10+ runs in an inning. The New York Yankees (A), Pittsburgh Pirates (N) and Philadelphia A's (A) are the only clubs turning the trick twice.
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There were seven scoreless ties—

5/1/1877 Saint Louis Brown Stockings (N) versus Syracuse Stars, 15 innings
7/6/1877 Hartford Dark Blues (N) versus Indianapolis Hoosiers, 10 innings
9/16/1878 Providence Grays (N) versus Forest City
9/21/1913 Cleveland Indians (A) versus Albany & Troy (combined team), 10 innings
9/19/1943 Philadelphia Phillies (N) versus Camp Endicott Seabees, 7 innings
8/7/1981 Chicago Cubs (N) versus Chicago White Sox (A), 9 innings
4/27/2000 Kansas City Royals (A) versus Omaha Golden Spikes, 10 innings
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Grand slams—

13 have been found, Babe Ruth leads with three, and the other twelve players have one each

The earliest slam found thus far by a non-Major League player was named Eagan of the Troy club. On Sunday 6/23, 1907 at Troy, New York, Pete “Pedro” Eagan hit his slam in the 8th inning. He led his Trojans of New York State League to a 6-3 victory over the Boston (N). This would be the first ever game played at Troy’s “Sunday park”.

The earliest slam found thus far by a player on a Major League club is by Josh Devore of the New York Giants (N). In a game at Jersey City, New Jersey, on 7/2, 1911, Devore blasted his slam in the 8th inning of the 5-1 win by the New Yorkers over the Skeeters of the Eastern League.
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Home run winning a 1-0 game (once)—

Benny Kauff (NYN) hit a homer in the 4th inning off Bert Gallia (WASA) in Akron, Ohio on 6/17, 1917
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Home runs in a game by batters—

On six occasions, three homers were hit in a game by four different players. Babe Ruth (NYA) had three 3-homer games, one being the consecutive variety; Joe Gordon (NYA), Billy Hitchcock (PHIA) and Joe Kelly of the Reading Keystones of the International League each had one 3-homer game apiece.
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Home runs in a game by teams—

On 8/17, 1924 at Warren, Ohio, and the Pittsburgh Pirates (N) blasted nine homers, all over the fence. Three Pirate batters had two homers apiece in the 14-3 drubbing of the Warren club.

At Minnesota on 7/20, 1964, the Minnesota Twins (A) blasted 6 homers and the Milwaukee Braves (N) belted four for a total of ten in the game. The Twins won 12-7.
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Multi-home run games by batters—

One George Herman Ruth of the New York Yankees (A) easily leads the way with 17 games in which he hit two or more homers!! The Sultan of Swat hit 3 roundtrippers three times and hit two homers in 14 games. A distant second to Ruth are Lou Gehrig of the New York Yankees (A) and Gates Brown of the Detroit Tigers (A), who both have posted two-homer games twice.
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Consecutive home runs by a batter—

Mr. Ruth of the New York Yankees (A) was at it again in his hometown of Baltimore, Maryland! The Bambino whacked three successive homers to lead the Yanks to a 12-3 win over the 3rd Corps Army team. Ruth blasted homers in the 4th, 6th and 9th innings, two off pitcher Ellis and one versus Henderson. The game was played on 9/3, 1922 at Oriole Park.
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Consecutive home runs by a team—

On 6/25, 1964, the Chicago White Sox (A) blasted three consecutive homers in the 3rd inning. Playing the annual contest between the ChiSox and the Chicago Cubs (N), the Comiskey Park crowd was a record 52,712. In the 3rd frame, Cub lefty Dick Scott gave up consecutive roundtrippers to Ron Hansen, Tom McGraw and Gerry McNertney. The Cubs were the home team in spite of playing at the White Sox' park.
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Walk-off home runs—

In a ten-inning contest on 5/6, 1927 at Fort Wayne, Indiana, and the New York Yankees (A) won the game versus the Lincoln Lifes, a local semi-pro club. Before 35,000 fans (a VERY large crowd for an ISEG in a non-Major League city), the Babe, in the bottom of the 10th, signaled to the crowd that they may start for home and then hit a tremendous blast way over the right field fence, scoring Mike Gazella before him. The walk-off homer enabled the Yanks to win, 5-3. Ruth played 1st base in the game. This dramatic home run was not as significant as his "called shot" versus the Chicago Cubs in the 1932 World Series, but it undeniably added to the body of work that constitute Ruth's mythic career and he did not disappoint the large crowd!

On 7/8, 1940, Tony Criscola, of the Toledo club of the American Association, defeated the Boston Braves (N) with a three-run shot in the bottom of the 9th.

On 8/13, 1964, Ron Swoboda, of the homestanding Williamsport Mets of the American Association, beats the parent New York Mets (N) club with a solo homer in the bottom of the 11th.

On 6/18, 1970, Rich McKinney, of the Tucson Toros of the Pacific Coast League, beats the Chicago White Sox (A) with a three-run roundtripper in the bottom of the 10th inning.
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Triples—

BOS (N) hit 8 triples among their 31 hits against the Providence Steam Rollers on 9/9, 1923
WAS (A) made 3 triples in the 3rd inning as part of a 10-run frame on 6/28, 1956
Lloyd Waner (PITN) had a bases-loaded triple in the 3rd inning on 6/28, 1931
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Doubles—

No significant findings were made for individual players or teams
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Singles—

On 5/4, 1882, the Providence Grays (N) whacked 17 singles as part of their 25-hit attack against the Metropolitan of Manhattan at the Polo Grounds in New York City.
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Hits in a game by batters—

Eight players have made the most hits found, five
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Hits in a game by teams—

Two clubs have made 31 hits in an ISEG according to results found so far

On 48 occasions, teams have whacked 20+ hits in a game, two by non-Major League teams

On three occasions, both clubs made 20+ hits in a game

On 9/9, 1923, the Boston Braves (N) crushed the Providence Steam Rollers, 19-9 with a 31-hit attack. The Braves would add 8 triples to the mix.

On 7/20, 1943, the New York Yankees (A) overwhelmed the Mitchel Field club of Long Island, New York by a count of 31-6!! New York's Roy Weatherly hit for the cycle. In a game where 37 runs were tallied, it was completed in 2 hours and 17 minutes, a run scoring about every 3 minutes and 45 seconds! The Mitchel Field nine scored four runs in the bottom of the 9th to fall 25 runs short of tying the game!!

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Hitting for the cycle (single, double, triple and home run) twice—

Billy Southworth (PITN) hit for the cycle, going 4 for 5, on 7/1, 1918

Roy Weatherly (NYA) hit for the cycle as part of the Yankees 31-hit attack on 7/20, 1943

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Total bases—

On 7/20, 1943, the New York Yankees (A) blasted the Mitchel Field club of Long Island, New York by a count of 31-6!! The Bronx Bombers lived up to their name by hitting for 66 total bases: 6 homers (24 bases), 6 triples (18 bases), 5 doubles (10 bases) and 14 singles (14 bases)!

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Errors—

The Boston Red Stockings (N) made 16 miscues in a game played on 9/20, 1876

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Triple plays—

Five triple killings have been found, two being by non-Major League clubs

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Strikeouts by pitchers—

Righty Bob Lee of the Pittsburgh Pirates (N) struck out 16 Detroit Tigers (A) in a sandlot benefit game in the Motor City. On 8/1, 1963, Mr. Lee tossed a 7-1 complete game victory.

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Pitchers used in an ISEG by one club—

In a game played on 7/10, 1945, the Saint Louis Browns (A) used 9 different pitchers against the Saint Louis Cardinals (N). Luke Sewell, the manager for the Browns, had each pitcher work for exactly one inning. The Cardinals used but four pitchers in the game. The Browns shutout the Cards in Saint Louis, 3-0.

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Low-hit games by pitchers—

6 no-hitters and six 1-hitters have been pitched in ISEGs. The six no-nos follow:

8/10, 1902 Alex Pearson (STLN) complete game 7-0 win in 6 innings at Bayonne, New Jersey versus the West Side Athletic Club.

7/17, 1910 Chick Evans (BOSN) complete game 4-0 win at Canton Daubers, Ohio-Pennsylvania League.

7/7, 1914 at Dayton Veterans of the Central League beats CIN (N) 2-1 in 10 innings. Two Dayton pitchers combine for the no-hit job versus the Reds.

9/3, 1940 Carl Miles (PHIA) tossed 11-0 complete game no-hitter at the Springfield (Mass.) Nationals of the Eastern League. Miles was to appear in only 2 Major League games in his career, both with the A's.

7/15, 1953 at Quebec Braves of the Provincial League is no-hit by the Milwaukee Braves (N), 6-0. It takes six Milwaukee pitchers to turn the trick!

5/2, 1966 at the Jacksonville Suns of the International League defeats the New York Mets (N) in six innings, 2-0. The Mets could not garner a hit in the 6 inning contest.

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Short 9-inning games, by time—

On 9/15, 1912, the Albany Senators of the New York State League defeated the Chicago Cubs (N) in 58 minutes. The Senators won, 5-2, at Albany and did not bat in the bottom of the 9th inning. Numerous ISEGs did not have time-of-game info, so this stat was extracted from the accounts that did report game times.

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Long games, by time—

On 6/13, 1907, BOS (A) was defeated by the Providence Grays of the Eastern League, 2-1. The game, played at Rocky Point Park in Warwick, Rhode Island, took 16 innings, the longest ISEG (by innings) found so far.

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Tie games—

So far, 112 have been discovered. In addition to being called “ties”, they were called “drawn” decades ago. The most runs in a tie game is 13 in a 9-inning night affair at Cincinnati's (N) Crosley Field versus Detroit (A) on 7/26, 1954. The longest ISEG tie by innings was 15 accomplished twice---5/1, 1877, at the Saint Louis Brown Stockings (N) and Syracuse Stars, then 5/26, 1988 at Wrigley Field, the Chicago White Sox (A) and Chicago Cubs (N) ended in a 15-frame stalemate. The most common innings total involving ties is 9 with 30 games, followed by 8 in 20 ISEGs.

INN ISEGs

5	5
6	6
7	9
8	7
9	30
10	20
11	14
12	8
13	1
14	0
15	2
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	112

**unknown inning total—have score only, no linescore
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Forfeits—

On 6/15, 1913, the New York Giants forfeited to the Zanesville Flood Sufferers. See entry #8 in the “interesting games” section for more details on this game.
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Some notes about Babe Ruth in ISEGs----

In my 2008 narrative, I stated: “several more homers may be found through further research--hoping to find #70!” Using different research methods, I have now discovered 76 homers for the Babe in ISEGs! Of that total, 69 were hit with the New York Yankees (A), five with the Boston Red Sox (A) and one each with the New York Giants (N) in 1923 and Brooklyn Dodgers (N) in 1938. Ruth’s homers with the Giants and Dodgers are discussed in more detail later in this section. Among the Babe’s home runs, three were grand slams. The Babe had three 3-homer games, 16 ISEGs with two homers and 35 games with one 4-bagger for a total of 76! The Bambino hit ISEG homers in 12 different states and one province (Ontario, Canada). He whacked the most roundtrippers in New York (15), followed by Ohio (10), Maryland (7), Connecticut (6) and Indiana (5). Fittingly, he hit the most ISEG homers in any city in his hometown of Baltimore, where he whacked nine. Next in line is Indianapolis (7), Albany (6) and Cincinnati (5). Babe hit one homer in the Bronx at Yankee Stadium. Leading off the 8th inning against the Giants lefty, Bill Walker, Ruth brought the 60,549 fans to their feet with a homer into *his* place, the right field bleachers. This game occurred on Wednesday, September 9, 1931 versus the cross-town New York Giants (N), the Bombers winning by a score of 7-3. The Babe had nine ISEG homers in three different seasons (1923, 1928 and 1929), eight in 1930, seven in 1931, six in 1924 and five home runs in 1922 and 1927. I doubt if any other player can remotely come close to the Babe’s ISEG homer total! Babe hit 11 in 1923, the most in any one season. The details of all of Ruth’s roundtrippers are not presented here at this time.
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It should be noted that the Babe hit a homer in 3 games in which he also pitched.

As a result of numerous fan requests, Ruth once pitched in an ISEG. On 5/12 1933 at Indianapolis of the American Association, Ruth pitches the 1st two innings, allowing 3 runs.

At least three games ended prior to the full 9 innings because of fans swarming the field because of Ruth! In the game at Binghamton, New York on 5/16, 1929, the Babe hit a 3-run homer in the top of the 5th. After Binghamton was retired in the bottom of the 5th, the fans swarmed onto the field as Ruth rushed from his fielding position and rapidly made it to the dugout to avoid the fans. The New York Yankees (A) beat the Triple Cities, 4-1, the game being called after the 5th inning.

At Toronto on 7/11, 1930, the Babe had 7 RBI in the 16-11 seven-inning New York Yankee (A) win versus the Maple Leafs of the International League. In the 2nd inning, the Bronx Bombers scored 11 times, Ruth supplying six of those tallies on a grand slam and a two-run double. Later, the Babe hit a solo homer to end his 7-RBI day.

On 7/25, 1938, Ruth hit his 1st homer since leaving the Majors in 1935. The Babe played in a Brooklyn Dodger (N) uniform, the Albany club of the Eastern League defeating Dem' Bums, 7-6. A record crowd of 11,724 at Albany's Hawkins Stadium saw the Babe blast a 2-run homer with two out in the top of the 1st inning.

Prior to the game at Baltimore on 5/1, 1930, the Babe and everyone in attendance was entertained by the uniformed band of St. Mary's Industrial School, Ruth's Alma Mater. The Orioles scored 4 runs in the bottom of the 9th to spoil the Babe's homecoming, the New York Yankees (A) losing to the Birds, 8-7.

Yankee shortstop, Mark Koenig, struck blows to the Babe in the 7th inning of a game at Baltimore on 9/5, 1926. Ruth did not retaliate. Apparently, Koenig felt Ruth was "ragging" him and went after Ruth as he returned to the dugout in the 7th. After the "incident", Koenig left the game. The Orioles doubled the New York Yankees (A), 18-9.

In Cincinnati (N) on 7/24, 1922, fans waited patiently, about 2 hours, for the New York Yankees (A) and Babe Ruth to arrive at Redland Field. Ruth and his gang had their train delayed, but the fans were eventually rewarded when the Sultan of Swat hit a solo homer in the 3rd!

Playing in a New York Giants (N) uniform, Ruth hit a homer at the Polo Grounds versus the Baltimore Orioles on 10/3, 1923.

Ruth was the manager of his New York Yankees (A) for one day. Playing at the Richmond Colts of the Virginia League on 5/28, 1923, the Yanks win, 8-5, behind Ruth's three hits. He had no homers.

At Toronto versus the Pittsburgh Pirates (N) on 6/19, 1924, Ruth hits a ball that appears to be heading into the right field stands...but wait, the wind blows the ball back into fair territory, Babe getting a double on the play. The New York Yankees (A) lost the game to the Buccos, 4-1.
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Some notes about Lou Gehrig in ISEGs—

The great Gehrig has 11 home runs found so far, none of them grand slams. This is surprising since Lou owns the Major League record for slams with 23!

On 6/29, 1934, Lou suffered a “slight” concussion after being hit in the head from a pitch by Ray White. Playing at Norfolk, Lou left the game after being hit in the 2nd inning. Lou’s injury did not cause him to miss any championship games and his consecutive streak remained intact until 1939. In the first inning, the great Gehrig hit a 2-run homer, aiding the Yankees’ win, 11-9.

Gehrig played left field and hit a homer in the game at Columbus, Ohio, 8/26, 1929
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Ruth & Gehrig in ISEGs—

They hit homers in the same game on 11 different occasions. In five games, they had one each; in five games Ruth had 2 and Lou 1 and once had two roundtrippers apiece.

The dynamic duo hit 2 homers apiece once. That occurred at the Johnstown (PA) Johnnies of the Middle Atlantic League on 6/25, 1928. No further details about their homers could be found. This is an example of not being able to find more information since I did not have access to newspapers on microfilm in Johnstown, PA. The New York Yankees (A) had 19 hits in the contest.
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Additions, what is needed, corrections...

With 4400 ISEGs found so far, it seems unlikely that the 5000 barrier will be broken. I say this since most have already been found, especially in the 19th Century, where the remaining ISEGs will be discovered. What is needed the most is finding **game sites** and items relating to the opposing club, especially **team nicknames**. My research is ongoing and **any additions, corrections, etc. to my list are most welcome and can be submitted to me at waltlec3310@kc.rr.com**.
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