

hA Preface to the In-Season Exhibition Game (ISEG) listing

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(See the following two files ([1871 - 1920](#) and [1921-2009](#)) for detailed listing of ISEGs discovered to date. For technical reasons related to the website, they must be presented as separate lists.)

First of all, I would like to thank Dave Smith for giving me the opportunity and venue to present my research findings on the greatest site on the web, RetroSheet! Also, I would like to thank those who assisted me with this project. Their names are presented on page 3 of my [research article](#). A question mark (?) found next to an entry on the ISEG spreadsheet means that this item is uncertain and documentation has not been found at this time but an “educated guess” has been made.

A brief explanation of the ISEG spreadsheet is in order. There are exactly 2,800 games listed and they are arranged in ten different columns:

Column 1—Day of the week, which is self-explanatory. This information was obtained using the year-by-year calendars provided on RetroSheet. The addition of these calendars to the site was a brilliant idea and it greatly facilitated my research!

Column 2—Year and date is presented as an eight digit number. The first 4 digits are the year, followed by the month for the next two digits. The last two digits are the dates within the month.

Column 3—The symbol # represents either the 1st or 2nd game of a doubleheader, same as with the RetroSheet game logs. It is shown as either the numbers 1 or 2. If a cell is blank, only one game was played that day.

Column 4—Extra-inning games are listed here with innings played. In the case of the 66 tie games found so far, the inning total is *always* given.

Column 5—Name of the Major League club involved with nickname and league designation. If only Major League clubs are involved in a game, they are listed alphabetically with the column 5 team listed first and the opponent listed in column 7. The manner in which Major League clubs are listed in specific columns has neither to do with the winning and losing teams nor the home or road teams. It has to do only with an alphabetical listing.

Column 6—Run total of the Major League club listed here. Non-Major League run totals are never listed in this column.

Column 7—Name of the opposition. If another Major League club was the opponent, the team name and nickname is given with its league designation. If a non-Major League club is the opponent, it is listed by the name given in the newspaper narrative, along with its nickname, if known.

Column 8— Run total of the opponent is listed here. The run total here refers to either those of a Major League or non-Major League team.

Column 9—State and city. For the game sites of states, the standard 2-letter postal abbreviation is used. This also includes the provinces of Canada. For the city, this is the name given in a game account. There were instances when only a score was found with no city or state provided. Thus, some game sites are not “official” at this time and are designated by the use of a question mark(s). Some are listed as an “educated guess”.

Column 10—An opponent description refers to items listed in column 7 and include examples such as: “Major League both”, the league of the club (if known), military teams, college teams, etc.

For a more detailed analysis of the many aspects of ISEGs, refer to my article located elsewhere on this site.

Happy reading!!

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