

A great day for base ball – 19th century style



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Dan "Mini" Minutola, hurler for the Diamond State Base Ball Club, delivers the horsehide to a striker for the Athletic Base Ball Club of Philadelphia on Sunday during a match played according to 1866 rules at the Diamond State club's home ball field at Fort DuPont State Park outside Delaware City.



At left, tally keeper Christine Kabacinski keeps score the old-fashioned way – on a chalk board. At center, Diamond State's Ken "Buzzsaw" Bonsall shows his prowess as a "muckle" – or power hitter – by connecting for a home run against the visiting team, whose earlier incarnation topped the Delaware club 104-7 in a match in Wilmington in 1865. At right, a bat rack shows the difference between sturdy vintage "willows" and modern baseball bats.



See a photo gallery and video from the old time baseball game at delawareonline.com.