



The Diamond State Base Ball Club played two seven-inning games against the Atlantic Base Ball Club of Philadelphia at Fort DuPont south of Delaware City. The last time the clubs played one another was in 1865.



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Ken "Buzzsaw" Bonsall, of Wilmington, hits a home run his first time at bat for the day. He plays for Diamond State.



Diamond State's Dan "Mini" Minutola throws a pitch.



Garrett "Steady" Perdick of Wilmington gets his bat ready for action.



Bats look different than the ones used today.

Back to basics

Summer's not over yet and there's still time to catch old-time baseball with the Diamond State Base Ball Club. The amateur 19th-century vintage base ball team demonstrates the spirit and ideals of the game's earliest days. The last two games of the season will be Sept. 26 at Fort DuPont, and Oct. 10 in Pennsville, N.J.

Tickets are \$3, children \$2 and children 2 and younger have free admission. For more information, www.diamondstatebaseball.org.

The team is always looking for players. E-mail diamondstatebc@comcast.net if you're interested in playing, or simply join the family, friends, the history buffs and the curious who attend the games.



No electric scoreboards are used here as tally keeper Christine Kabacinski posts scores during the game.