



Cincinnati Reds Baseball Team

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Introduction

In 1869, the Cincinnati Red Stockings became the first fully professional baseball team. The team achieved a perfect 65-0 record that year. In 1871, the team disbanded, selling the name to a new professional team in Boston. A new Red Stockings team was formed in 1876 but was expelled from the league after the 1880 season for selling beer during games and playing games on Sundays. The current Reds franchise began in 1881 as a founding member of the newly formed American Association. It wasn't until after 1889 that the team dropped "Stockings" from the name, and simply became the "Reds." The Cincinnati Reds baseball team is the oldest major league club to play continuously in the same city. The franchise has won the World Series five times (1919, 1940, 1975, 1976, 1990).

Important Dates

- 1866: The Cincinnati Red Stockings are founded.
- 1869: The Red Stockings become the first fully professional team when they begin to pay their players.
- 1889: The Reds are re-admitted into the National League.
- 1892: Charles "Bumpus" Jones throws the first no-hitter in franchise history.
- 1912: Redland Field (later known as Crosley Field), home ballpark for the Reds, is opened.
- 1919: The Reds win their first World Series, though the victory is tainted by the "Black Sox" scandal.

Suggested Search Strategies

- Try the following terms in combination (as an "all" word search): baseball, base ball, Cincinnati, Reds, Red Stockings, Redlegs, World Series, team, Redland Park, Black Sox.
- Search for well-known Cincinnati players and managers: Cy Seymour, Sam Crawford, Edd Roush, Bob Bescher, Larry Kopf, Bid McPhee, Patrick "Pat" Moran.
- Search newspapers in all states, not just Ohio.

Sample Articles from Chronicling America

- "[Base Ball](#)" *Evening Telegraph* (Philadelphia, PA), June 21, 1869, Image 8, col. 5-6.
- "[The Cincinnati Reds](#)" *Springfield Daily Republic* (Springfield, OH), March 24, 1888, Image 6, col. 1-2.
- "[Base-Ball](#)" *National Tribune* (Washington, DC), May 24, 1888, Image 1, col. 4.
- "[Didn't Get A Hit](#)" *Pittsburg Dispatch* (Pittsburg, PA), October 16, 1892, Image 6, col. 2.
- "[Queen City's Club](#)" *Deseret Evening News* (Great Salt Lake City, UT), April 30, 1898, Image 12, col. 4-6.
- "[Our National Pastime](#)" *Bourbon News* (Paris, KY), May 19, 1914, Images 11-13.
- "[Base Ball, and Live Sports](#)" *Chicago Eagle* (Chicago, IL), September 27, 1919, Image 7.
- "[Pat's Personality Helps Reds Land](#)" *Washington Herald* (Washington, DC), October 10, 1919, Image 10, col. 1.