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Season's Complete For Historic Baseball In New England

Hunt For Historic Baseball In Salem

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USPA NEWS - Salem, Massachusetts boasts of its mystical history each year in their October festivities. Salem Commons had vintage baseball players playing by 1864 rules on a makeshift lined baseball field. This historic baseball game feature the Brooklyn Atlantics squaring off against the Providence Grays.

October in New England can be spectacular, especially in the fall. The fog is rolling off the makeshift baseball field as the sunrise sparkles on the colorful leaves at Salem Commons Park. Vintage baseball players are meandering in slowly, gathering on their respective sides. Ed Elmore, otherwise known as "Pigtail" [2], is the first Brooklyn Atlantics player to arrive; he is the team's captain. Across the field park staff are assembling tents, games and rides for today's October-fest celebration. Oddly enough, these two activities have no boundaries to alert spectators of the potential dangers that flying baseballs may present. In days of old, fences were not commonplace, if there was an open space to play a game, it was generally occupied.

Today's game is going to be exciting! The Brooklyn Atlantics are making a colorful journey from New York to Salem Massachusetts during peak foliage season to extend their undefeated record against the Providence Grays this year. The Grays would like nothing more than to thwart the Atlantics efforts. As it gets closer to game time players from both teams are now flocking onto the field. Grays team captain, Brian Travers, opens with dialogue of encouragement for both teams. In 1864 baseball rules, a bat is tossed in the air to determine which team will bat first. Grays are up first and the Atlantics take the field.

Game one begins. On the sidelines, in the Grays dugout area, we see a very happy newly engaged bride-to-be showing her engagement ring to the players as her betrothed, Drew Ewing, prepares to bat. Later we found out that another Grays player, rookie Mike Matais, is also recently engaged. Congratulations to these two beautiful couples. The Grays' players were certainly on love's cloud nine with proposals. What a great way to end a season guys! Lets get back to the game. Grays are out in order 1,2,3. That was quick.

Now it's the Atlantics turn up at bat. They scored in almost every inning. The Grays countered with a few runs of their own but could not shake the Atlantics' winning streak. Game one ended 10-3 Atlantics. Game two was played in similar fashion as the Atlantics won 11-2. This was the last game of the Providence Grays season, ending it with an 15-19 record: 0-7 against the Brooklyn Atlantics. Contingencies were made to ensure this baseball season ended on a positive note. Both teams retreated to the Providence Grays team captain's home for their fabulous annual after-party to celebrate another successful season.

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