

I-7 HATHAWAY, TED. "The Baseball Index." *The Baseball Research Journal*, no. 29 (2000): 84-86.

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I-8 SCHMIDT, RAY. "The Golden Age of Chicago Baseball." *Chicago History* 28 (Winter 2000): 38-59.

The city of Chicago has a rich tradition in baseball history, dating to the earliest days of the professional era in the 1870s. The city's two professional teams, the Chicago Cubs and the Chicago White Sox, have provided the city with many great moments in baseball history. However, in addition, semiprofessional baseball provided much of the entertainment for the sports fans of Chicago prior to World War I. The semiprofessional teams associated with particular sections of the city represented quality baseball for most Chicago fans in this era, and the years of semiprofessional baseball prior to World War I represent an important period in Chicago baseball history. Based on primary and secondary sources, no notes.

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II. Africa

II-1 VAN DER MERWE, FLORIS. "Original Football at the Cape and the Formation of the Stellenbosch Rugby Football Club: New Facts." *South African Journal for Research in Sport, Physical Education and Recreation* 21 (2001): 85-94.

As the Stellenbosch Rugby Football Club celebrated its 120th anniversary in 2000, new information surfaced through the *Cape Town English Press Index*. First, the game appears to be a creation of Canon Ogilvie of the Diocesan College, and not the traditional English Winchester version, as commonly believed. Differences in the two versions appear in field dimensions and number of players. Also, the date has been pushed back to 1875, from 1880, as to its first appearance, as previously recorded in periodicals. Primary and secondary sources.

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