

10 Things (+5) to Know about Frank Sexton

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Personal

Born Frank Joseph Sexton on July 8, 1872, in Brockton, Massachusetts, to John and Catherine Sexton (or Saxton) ... Sexton passes away unexpectedly at his home in Brighton, Massachusetts on January 4, 1938 at the age of 65.



Frank Sexton
1893 Brown University

Education

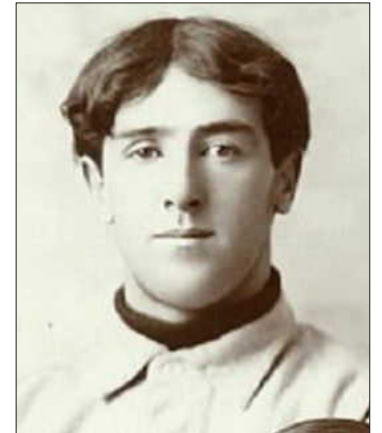
Sexton attends Brown University (1893), University of Pennsylvania (1898) and the University of Michigan (1896) ... he receives his Medical Degree (M.D.) from the University of Pennsylvania.

Military

Sexton serves one year (1918) in the Army Medical Corp during World War I ... is assigned to Camp Greenleaf, a medical officer training camp created at Chickamauga National Battlefield Park in Georgia.

College Career

An outstanding baseball player on some excellent Brown teams in the early 90s, along with Fred Woodcock, and catcher Fred Tenney ... a three-year (1891-1893) starter, Sexton hits .292 as a sophomore in 1891 and is voted as the team captain as a senior in 1893.



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Personal Diversion

In the summers of 1891 and 1892, Sexton plays in Vermont with the South Royalstons, an amateur team in name only ... the team sponsored by local millionaire Stephen Whitney for his son's "personal diversion."

Not a Great Idea

In March 1892, Sexton visits Burlington, Vermont in an attempt to persuade UVM's star catcher Lawrence "Larry" Kinsella to transfer to Brown ... a year earlier Sexton disparaged the Connecticut native saying "he couldn't play" ... Kinsella, who will later pay five seasons in the minor leagues, ignores Sexton's request.

May 16, 1892
Yale at Brown
Lincoln Field, Providence, Rhode Island

BROWN.										
	AB.	R.	BB.	TB.	PO.	A.	E.			
Tenney, c.	4	1	1	1	10	3	0			
Sexton, p.	4	1	1	1	0	12	0			
Steere, s. s.	3	1	1	1	1	3	1			
Weeks, 1b.	4	1	2	2	11	0	0			
Magill, 3b.	5	1	0	0	1	3	1			
Jones, 2b.	4	2	3	4	1	2	2			
Cooke, r. f.	3	0	0	0	0	0	0			
McLane, l. f.	3	0	0	0	2	0	1			
George, c. f.	4	0	1	1	1	0	0			
Totals	36	7	9	10	27	23	5			
YALE.										
	AB.	R.	BB.	TB.	PO.	A.	E.			
Norton, 2b.	3	1	0	0	3	1	0			
Beall, c. f.	3	1	0	0	3	0	0			
Murphy, s. s.	4	0	1	1	1	6	1			
Case, l. f.	4	0	0	0	1	0	0			
Catter, c.	4	0	0	0	4	0	0			
Bliss, r. f.	4	0	0	0	2	0	0			
Rustin, 3b.	3	0	0	0	0	2	1			
Jackson, 1b.	3	0	0	0	10	0	2			
Wyckoff, p.	3	0	0	0	0	6	0			
Totals	31	2	1	1	24	15	4			

Earned runs—Brown, 2. Two-base hit—Jones. Stolen bases—Tenney, Sexton, Weeks (2), Jones, McLean, Bliss. First base on balls—Sexton, 2; Wyckoff, 4. First base on errors—Brown, 3; Yale, 4. Struck out—Morton (2), Case, Bliss, Rustin (2), Jackson (2), Wyckoff (2), George. Time—1h. 50m. Umpire—Fisher.

Brown beats visiting Yale 7-2 before the largest crowd to see a baseball game at Lincoln Field in Providence ... Sexton allows the visiting Blue only one hit and strikes out 10 en route to the complete game.

Fake News

On May 24, 1892, the *Boston Globe* reports that Sexton and catcher Fred Tenney have been suspended for cutting 60 percent of their classes at Brown ... three days later, after receiving letters from Sexton, Tenney and Brown manager Matteson denying the report, the *Globe* retracts the story. Fake News.

Alias

On June 4, 1892, Sexton and Tenney take a break from playing with the South Royalstons and return to Rhode Island to play in a New England League game with Pawtucket against Woonsocket under aliases of Sullivan (Sexton) and Lambert (Tenney) to protect their college eligibility ... Sexton (Sullivan) allows only five hits in a 4-2 Pawtucket win.

June 4, 1892
Woonsocket at Pawtucket
Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Pawtucket, 4; Woonsocket, 2.

PAWTUCKET, R. I. June 4.—Pawtucket won the game in the ninth today by scoring three runs on three doubles, a single and an error of Burrill. The audience went wild. Both Stafford and Sullivan pitched great ball, and the contest was by far more interesting than that of Friday. It was the greatest game played here yet. The score:

Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9
Pawtucket 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 3—4
Woonsocket 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0—2

Earned runs—Woonsocket, 1; Pawtucket, 3. Two-base hits—Connaughton, Lambert, Jordan, Mather. Sacrifice hit—Connaughton. Stolen base—Hamil. First base on balls—Mather, Lambert, Duggan, Mather (2). First base on errors—Woonsocket, 1; Pawtucket, 1. Hit by pitched ball—O'Brien. Passed balls—Burrill, 2. Struck out—Hamil (2), Connaughton, Lambert, Cronin (3), Jordan (2), Sullivan (2), Duggan, McGuirk (2), Ladd, Flack, O'Brien, Burrill (2), Long (2), Sweeney, Stafford. Umpire—Mulcahey. Time—2h. 15m. Attendance—1700.

Sexton and Tenney, under the names of Sullivan and Lambert, were the battery for Pawtucket on Saturday and won the game from Woonsocket 4 to 2. Five hits were made off Sexton.

Frank Sexton Year by Year:

Year	Team	League	Level	W-L	Finish	W-L	GP	GS	CG	SHO	INN	H	BB	SO	ERA
1891	Brown University	Eastern Collegiate	College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1891	Northampton	--	Amt.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1891	Woonsocket	New England	Ind.	11-22	[1] 4 of 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1891	South Royalstons	--	Amt.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1892	Brown University	Eastern Collegiate	College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1892	South Royalstons	--	Amt.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1892	Pawtucket	New England	B	17-47	[2]	1-0	1	1	1	0	9	5	-	-	--
1892	New Bedford (Mass.)	Massachusetts State	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1893	New Bedford (Mass.)	Massachusetts State	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1893	Brown University	Eastern Collegiate	College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1894	Brockton Shoemakers	New England	B	33-62	[3]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1894	New Bedford (Mass.)	Massachusetts State	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1895	University of Michigan	Big Ten	College	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1895	Boston Beaneaters	NATIONAL	MLB	71-60	6 of 12	1-5	7	5	2	0	49.0	59	22	14	5.69
1895	Newport	Quadangier	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1896	University of Michigan	Big Ten	College	17-4-1	2 of 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1896	Seattle Rainmakers	New Pacific League	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1896	Springfield Ponies	Eastern	A	54-64	6 of 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1896	Bryant (Ohio)	--	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1897	New Bedford Whalers	New England	B	38-67	6 of 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
1897	Taunton	--	SPro	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--
Major League Totals				1 Season		1-5	7	5	2	0	49.0	59	22	14	5.69
Minor League Totals				5 Seasons		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	--

[1] Woonsocket joins the league June 10; [2] Pawtucket disbands July 27 in last place of a seven-team league; [3] Brockton disbands August 25 in last place of a eight-team league

Coaching Record:

1896 - Michigan head coach	17-4-1		
1901 - Michigan head coach	13-8-0		
1902 - Michigan head coach	8-10-0	(3) 38-12-1	.754
1904 - Brown head coach	14-9-0		
1905 - Brown head coach	13-11-0		
1906 - Brown head coach	14-7-2		
1907 - Brown head coach	15-0-2		
1908 - Brown head coach	10-9-0	(5) 66-36-4	.641
1911 - Harvard head coach	17-6-0		
1912 - Harvard head coach	12-10-1		
1913 - Harvard head coach	15-9-1		
1914 - Harvard head coach	20-7-0		
1915 - Harvard head coach	11-5-0	(5) 75-37-1	.668
13 Years		179-85-6	.674

Brown Baseball Field 1908



High Praise Indeed

In June of 1892 (perhaps after his appearance with Pawtucket) Boston Beaneaters' star and future Hall of Famer Hugh Duffy says that "Sexton has the making of a great strategic twirler. He is second to no college player today."

Career Change

In January 1894, Sexton tells the media that he is retiring from baseball at the close of the current season ... Sexton wants to be an architect and begins studying architecture in Brockton, Massachusetts and plans to take a southern trip.

Contract Issues

On April 17, 1984, Sexton is a no-show for Brockton despite having signed a contract with the team ... Sexton tells Brockton manager W.H. Allen that he has no intention of pitching for Brockton after May 16, so Allen tells the twirler that he prefers him not to pitch at all ... Sexton shows the media a contract that he and Allen both signed and clearly shows that Sexton is to pitch for Brockton from April 16 to May 16 ... Sexton says that he likes New Bedford and intends to play in that town after May 20.

1891 Brown University (18-7-3)



Sexton Signs with Boston

Boston's Seventh Pitcher

BOSTON, Feb. 21.—The name of the seventh pitcher secured by the Boston Club for the coming season is Frank J. Sexton, who is very well known in this vicinity as the ex-captain and pitcher of the strongest teams Brown University has ever put in the field.

Sexton would have pitched for Boston last season, for he had promised to do so and was claimed by the Boston Club, but the triumvirate refused to guarantee him his salary in any case.

Last summer he played with the New Bedford Independent Club. He showed his mettle in the game here for the benefit of Chas. Bennett, when he delighted the immense crowd by his brilliant pitching against professionals.

Sexton is now in the University of Michigan. He will join the team in the South. He is an excellent outfielder and a good hitter and base-runner. There is every reason to expect that he will greatly strengthen the Boston in the pitching department. He is a finely built young man.

Suspended

In 1896, Sexton is suspended in mid-June by the Springfield Ponies after playing one game for the Ponies ... a "known trickster in the profession," Sexton, despite signing a contract, says he now wants a month's salary in advance - the Ponies refuse.

1896 University of Michigan (17-4-1)



As a graduate student at the University of Michigan in 1896, Frank Sexton is named as the head coach of the school's baseball team. The 23-year-old Sexton, seen here wearing his Brown University uniform, guides the team to a 17-4-1 mark.

Selee Guarantees Contract

When the team refuses, Boston Beaneaters' manager Frank Selee personally guarantees Sexton his first month's salary when he shows up at the South End grounds ... Sexton shows up on June 18 and makes his Beaneater debut three days later.

Major League Debut

Sexton makes his major league debut with the Boston Beaneaters on June 21, 1895 ... teamed with his former Brown University teammate Fred Tenney, Sexton pitches well, allowing only eight hits and strikes out three in a 4-2 loss to the visiting Brooklyn Grooms ... Sexton is 1-5 with a 5.69 ERA when he is released on August 17, following his last appearance with the Beaneaters ... he signs immediately with Newport of the Quadangler League.

June 2, 1895 Brooklyn Grooms at Boston Beaneaters South End Grounds, Boston, Massachusetts

	BROOKLYN	AB	R	BH	TB	PO	A	E	
Griffin m	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Corcoran s	5	1	1	1	2	5	0	0	
Lachance 1	4	1	2	2	17	0	0	0	
Tredway r	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	
Shindle 3	4	0	1	1	1	5	1	1	
Daly 2	4	0	1	1	4	4	1	1	
Anderson l	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Grim c	4	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	
Daub p	1	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	
Kennedy p	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Totals	34	4	8	8	27	18	2	2	
BOSTON									
Lowe 2	4	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	
Bannon r	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	
Duffy m	3	0	2	3	3	0	0	0	
McCarthy l	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	
Nash 3	4	0	2	2	1	3	0	0	
Tucker 1	3	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	
Long s	4	0	0	0	3	1	1	1	
Tenney c	3	0	1	1	3	1	0	0	
Sexton p	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Totals	30	2	5	6	27	9	2	2	
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Brooklyn	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	4
Boston	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2

Earned runs, Brooklyn 2. Two-base hit, Duffy. Stolen base, Nash. First base on balls, by Sexton, Anderson, Tredway, Griffin 2, by Daub, Bannon, Tucker, Tenney, by Kennedy, Bannon 2, Sexton, Lowe, McCarthy, Duffy. Sacrifice hit, Duffy. Struck out, by Sexton, Griffin, Grim, Lachance, by Kennedy, Tucker. Double plays, Lachance (unassisted), Nash, Lowe and Tucker; Shindle, Daly, Lachance. Hit by pitched ball, by Sexton, Daub, by Kennedy, Nash, Umpire, McDonald. Time 2h 5m. Attendance 1800.

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Coaching Career

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December 27, 1910 - Sexton is named as the head baseball coach at Harvard University ... the contract is for three years ... others considered for the position were: Fred Tenney, Malachi Kittridge, Dave Fultz, Mike Walsh and Fred Lake.

May 13, 1915 - Sexton resigns as the Harvard baseball coach because of the "Persistent Interference," by the advisory baseball committee which feels that improvement at the catching and outfield positions.



Dr. Frank Sexton
1914 Harvard University



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1910 Harvard University