

① Witnessing the demonstration game of Lacrosse: June 1876.

LACROSSE! LACROSSE!

The National Game of Canada.

TWELVE CANADIAN GENTLEMEN

v.

TWELVE IROQUOIS INDIANS.

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY

THE QUEEN

Having commended the Canadian Lacrosse Teams to

PLAY BEFORE THE ROYAL FAMILY

At Windsor, on Monday, June 27th, their appearance on the

L O N G S I G H T

CRICKET GROUND

IS POSTPONED TO

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY,

JUNE 27th and 28th, 1876.

The following are the names of the Players:-

CANADIANS.

Captain	Dr. Wm. Geo. Beers
Goal	H. W. Beck
Goal	O. S. Haldell
Post	E. Massey
Cornerpost	M. Scribner
Centre	D. E. Beers
Field	T. G. Hodgson
	W. G. Ross
	James Grant
	J. Tomlinson
	T. G. Hooper
	F. M. Jones
	G. T. M. Green
	H. Joseph
	S. Mac Donald

IROQUOIS INDIANS.

Tee Kewassee	White Horse Spotted
Atoka Tokanawabeh	Hickory Wood Split
Shakata Assatake	Peck the Feather
Shakata Assatake	Hole in the Sky
Saba Tawantaw	Flying Name
Atoka Tokanawabeh	The Lion
Saba Tawantaw	Deer Run
Sakara Tawantaw	Crossing the River
Tee Kewassee	Outside the Beltline
Kear Kewassee	Scattered Branches
Kear Kewassee	Spruce Branches
Sakara Tawantaw	Great Arm
Atoka Tokanawabeh	Wild Wind

POSITIVELY THEIR FINAL APPEARANCE
IN ENGLAND.

Play to Commence each day at 3 o'clock.

PAVILION AND UPPER SIDE, 2s.;
LOWER SIDE, 1s.

BUSSES will LEAVE MARKET STREET every Five Minutes.

The following Trains from London Road will stop at Longsight, viz:-
1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th class.

John Aspinwall and Co., Printers, Manchester.

- The tour of 1876 by a party of 13 Canadians from Montreal LC and 13 Native Americans from the Kahnawake (referred to at the time as Caughnawaga) reservation just south of Montreal – made their only appearances in Manchester on Tuesday 27th June & Wednesday 28th June 1876. (See promotional poster - source: *Becoming Native in a Foreign Land: Sport, Visual Culture, and Identity in Montreal 1840-1885*, by Gillian Poulter)

- The two days play were the last 2 dates of the tour to UK (which had begun on 10th May in Belfast), and was on the day following their demonstration game at Windsor Castle given to Queen Victoria.
- The matches in Manchester were played at the Longsight Cricket Ground (marked in green on the map below). As the Stockport LC history recounts, this may well have been visible from the train, which was running from London Road station (now Piccadilly) to Stockport, and passed nearby.



- NB. Newspapers report an estimated crowd of 4,000 for the Tuesday match. (I've been unable to find details of the Wednesday).
- The lacrosse started at 3pm (ending by 6pm), but as it was midweek seems unlikely the future Stockport players were travelling back from a 'Rugby' game.