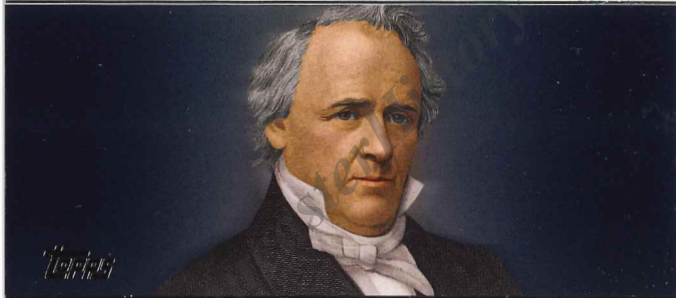


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U. S. President 1857-1861

As president from 1857 to '61, James Buchanan had little time for the game of baseball. The North and South, bitterly divided on the issue of slavery, were on the verge of civil war. Nevertheless, interest in baseball mushroomed during his presidency. In 1860, a national tournament drew 62 teams. In one game in Brooklyn, the Excelsiors defeated the Atlantics, 23-4, in front of 10,000 fans.



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