Before Beers:
The World of Native Lacrosse in North America to 1867

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Lacrosse
A History of the Game

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NCAA men’s lacrosse championships, 1971-2017

Syracuse University – 11
Johns Hopkins University – 9
Princeton University – 6
University of Virginia – 5
University of North Carolina – 5
AIAW/NCAA women’s lacrosse championships, 1982-2017

University of Maryland – 12
Northwestern University – 7
Princeton University – 4
University of Virginia – 3
Mann Cup championships, 1970-2016

Peterborough – 9
New Westminster – 8
Brampton – 8
Victoria – 6
Six Nations – 6
Top Lacrosse Teams by attendance, 2011-2015

Buffalo Bandits (NLL) – 15,462
Colorado Mammoth (NLL) – 15,075
Calgary Roughnecks (NLL) – 10,277
Toronto Rock (NLL) – 10,196
Denver Outlaws (MLL) – 9,968
Minnesota Swarm (NLL) – 8,343
Boston Cannons (MLL) – 7,980
Types of Evidence?

Physical

Documentary

Linguistic

Oral
Stewart Culin’s ball game terms:

racket

shinny

chunky
LACROSSE
PLACE NAMES

Ball Club, Minnesota
Ball Ground, Georgia
Ball Play, Tennessee
Ballfield Landing, Alabama
Ballplay, Alabama
Balltown, South Carolina
Balltown, Tennessee
Lacrosse, Wisconsin
Mississippian Civilization, pre-Contact
Eastern
North America’s
Maize Revolution
Ancient Cahokians playing chunky game
Mohawks tending the Three Sisters: corn, beans and squash
Native Town with Palisade
Fort Michilimackinac reenactors
Gen. John Sullivan’s Invasion of Iroquoia, 1779
George Catlin’s “Ball-play of the Choctaw”