

East-West All Star Game

(Summaries)

Year	Date Played	Location	Winning Team	Score	Winning Pitcher	Losing Pitcher
1933	September 10 th	Comiskey Park	West	11-7	Willie Foster	Sam Streeter
<p>This was the first East-West All Star game ever played. Almost 20,000 fans jammed into Comiskey Park in Chicago to see the West squad collect 15 hits in this slugfest. Mule Suttles led the West with two hits (double and homerun) and 3 runs batted in. Turkey Stearnes, Willie Wells, Sam Bankhead, Steel Arm Davis and Alex Radcliffe also had two hits each for the West. The East was led by Jud Wilson who had two hits in three plate appearances. Wilson also drove in 3 runs.</p>						
1934	August 26 th	Comiskey Park	East	1-0	Satchel Paige	Willie Foster
<p>Approximately 30,000 fans saw one of the best pitching duels in East-West All Star game history. Chester Williams (Pittsburgh Crawfords) collected three hits for the East and Mules Suttles had three hits for the West. The lone run of the game was scored in the top of the eighth inning when Jud Wilson drove in James “Cool Pappa” Bell.</p>						
1935	August 11 th	Comiskey Park	West	11-8	Sug Cornelius	Martin Dihigo
<p>The East-West All Star game in 1935 was another huge success at the box office as 25,000 people attended the annual classic. The West team collected 11 hits and scored 11 runs as they topped the East by a score of 11-8. Josh Gibson led the West attack with four hits. Mule Suttles and Alex Radcliffe each drove in 3 runs for the winners. The highlight of the game was Mule Suttles three run homerun in the bottom of the 11th inning to bring home the victory for the West. Paul Stephens, Jud Wilson, Slim Jones and Alejandro Oms each had two hits for the losing East team.</p>						
1936	August 23 rd	Comiskey Park	East	10-2	Leroy Matlock	Sug Cornelius
<p>A crowd of over 26,400 fans watched as the East squad dominated the West by a score of 10-2. James “Cool Pappa” Bell had three of the East’s 14 hits. Alex Radcliffe was the leading hitter for the West as he went three for four for the East.</p>						
1937	August 8 th	Comiskey Park	East	7-2	Barney Morris	Hilton Smith
<p>Most of the Negro National League’s best players missed the 1937 season because they were playing in the Dominican Republic. Even with most of the Negro League’s big stars not in attendance, the fans did not abandon the game. Newspaper reports identified that approximately 25,000 fans attended the game. Burnis “Wild Bill” Wright led the East with three hits and two runs batted in. The West was limited to just five hits for the entire game and first baseman Ted Strong had two of them.</p>						
1938	August 21 st	Comiskey Park	West	5-4	Hilton Smith	Edsall Walker
<p>The West squad jumped out to a 5 to 3 lead when the bottom of the third inning was completed. The 30,000 fans in attendance were then treated to a real pitching dual as both teams could only score one run in the final six innings. Neil Robinson (Memphis Red Sox) was the hero of the game for the West as he collected three hits and drove in three runs. Ted “Double Duty” Radcliffe took the mound in the top of the sixth inning and pitched four scoreless innings for the West. Sam Bankhead, Sammy Hughes and Willie Wells each had two hits apiece for the East team.</p>						

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1939	August 6th	Comiskey Park	West	4-2	Ted Radcliffe	Roy Partlow
<p>The Negro National League played two East-West All Star games in 1939. Game one set an attendance record with 40,000 fans attending the event. The West pitching staff limited the East hitters to just five total hits for the game. East sluggers Josh Gibson, Buck Leonard and Mule Suttles all went hitless for the game. Neil Robinson had three of the West's eight base hits. The West squad scored three runs (two off Dan Wilson's homerun) in the bottom of the eighth inning to secure the victory.</p>						
1939	August 27th	Yankee Stadium	East	10-2	Bill Byrd	Raymond Owens
<p>Game two of the 1939 East-West All classic was played in Yankee Stadium (New York City). The move of the game from Comiskey Park was a huge disappointment. The attendance for the game was reported as 20,000, but only 12,000 of these fans were paid admissions. The East got their revenge for their loss in Chicago earlier in the year. The East team pounded out 11 hits and scored 10 runs as they beat the West by a score of 10-2. The hitting stars for the East were Ed Stone (four hits) and Josh Gibson (four runs batted in). Neil Robinson was the only player on the West team to collect two hits for the game.</p>						
1940	August 18th	Comiskey Park	East	11-0	Henry McHenry	Gene Bremer
<p>Comiskey Park welcomed the East-West All Star game back to their stadium in 1940. Over 25,000 fans showed up at the ball park to witness the East pitching staff (Henry McHenry, Silvino "Poppa" Ruiz and Ray Brown) pitch a shutout of the East All Stars. The East batters pounded the West pitchers for 14 hits. Buck Leonard and Marvin Barker had three hits each. Leonard also drove in three runs. Gene Benson, Howard Easterling and Cy Perkins all had two hits each for the game.</p>						
1941	July 27th	Comiskey Park	East	8-3	Terris McDuffie	Hilton Smith
<p>The 1941 East-West All Star game set an attendance record as 50,256 fans crowded the stadium to see Buck Leonard hit a tree run homerun and lead the East to an 8-3 victory.</p>						
1942	August 16th	Comiskey Park	East	5-2	Leon Day	Satchel Paige
<p>Fan support for the East-West All Star game did not diminish in 1942. The attendance for the game was reported as 45,179 of which 44,897 were paid admissions. The East squad behind the hitting of Sam Bankhead and Burnis "Wild Bill" Wright (each player had two hits and two runs batted in) rallied from a 2-2 tie in the bottom of the sixth inning to a 5-2 victory. The West batters only could manage five hits for the game and Satchel Paige was gave up three runs on five hits in the final three innings of the game to take the loss.</p>						
1942	August 18th	Municipal Stadium	East	9-2	Gene Smith	Gene Bremer
<p>In 1942 Negro League officials scheduled a second East-West All Star game just two days after the game after the first game was played at Comiskey Park. The second game was played at Municipal Stadium in Cleveland, Ohio. The game was a disaster at the box office. Only 10,791 fans watched the East take a victory over the West by a score of 9-2. Willie Wells had three and drove in two runs for the East. The West team had 11 hits for the game but could only manage 2 runs as they stranded 10 runners.</p>						

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1942	October 4th	Russwood Park		Game rained out		
A third East-West All Star game was scheduled for 1942. This game was to have been played at Russwood Park in Memphis (TN) on Sunday, October 4 th . The game was rained out and never was rescheduled.						
1943	August 1st	Comiskey Park	West	2-1	Satchel Paige	Dave Barnhill
After the financial disaster in Cleveland the year before, the East-West All Star was back in Chicago at Comiskey Park in 1943. Attendance for the game topped over 50,000 (51,723 reported with 46,871 with paid admission). The fans in attendance were treated to a real pitcher's dual. Satchel Paige pitched three scoreless inning with no hits, four strikeouts and no runs scored for the West's victory. The trio of Gread McKinnis, Theo Smith and Porter Moss pitched six innings for the West and only gave up one run on four hits.						
1944	August 13th	Comiskey Park	West	7-4	Gentry Jessup	Carrenza Howard
Fan support for the East-West All Star game was still extremely strong in 1944, as a crowd of 46,247 witnessed the West squad score repeat as champions of the annual classic. Ted "Double Duty" Radcliffe was the hitting star (three hit, homerun and two runs batted in) for the West as they defeated the East by a score of 7-4. The West batter had 14 hits for the game. Buddy Armour, Bonnie Serrell, Alex Radcliff and Artie Wilson all had two hits apiece for the West. Ray Dandridge led the East with three hits in five at bats.						
1945	July 29th	Comiskey Park	West	9-6	Verdell Mathis	Thomas Glover
With the United States still in the depths of World War II, the East-West All Star game at Comiskey Park suffered its lowest attendance since 1939. The paid attendance for the 1945 game was only 31,174. The hard fought game was won by the West by a score of 9-6. Five West starters (Verdell Mathis, Alex Radcliffe, Neil Robinson, Archie Ware and Jesse Williams) all banged out two hits each. Jesse "Batman" Williams led the West with four runs batted in. Archie Ware the starting first baseman from the Cleveland Buckeyes also contributed with three runs batted in. Lefthander Verdell Mathis pitched brilliantly for the East. He went three innings without allowing a hit or run scored. He also struck out three East batters. Horacio Martinez was the leading hitter for the East with two hits and three runs batted in.						
1946	August 15th	Griffith Stadium	East	6-3	Bill Byrd	Vibert Clarke
Negro League officials decided to play two East-West All Star games in 1946. The first game was held in Griffith Stadium in Washington, D.C. All Star games played in cities other than Chicago had never drawn good crowds, and this game was no exception. A mere 16,268 fans attended the game. Led by Howard Easterling's three hits the East squad prevailed by a score of 9-6. Lorenzo "Piper" Davis (Birmingham Black Barons) had two of the West team's six hits.						
1946	August 18th	Comiskey Park	West	4-1	Dan Bankhead	Bill Byrd
Game two of the East-West classic was played back in Chicago at Comiskey Park. The crowd for game two was almost three times as large (45,474) as the crowd that had shown up in Washington, D.C. three days before. The West pitchers (Felix Evans, Dan Bankhead and Johnny Williams) limited the East squad to four hits and one lone run. The combination of Evans and Bankhead held the East to two hits and no runs for the first six innings of the game. Strong pitching (three innings with two hits and no runs) by East starter Barney Brown kept the East team in the game early. The West scored all their runs in the fourth and fifth inning off of Bill Byrd who took the loss for the East.						

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1947	July 27th	Comiskey Park	West	5-2	Dan Bankhead	Max Manning
<p>There were two East-West All Star games played in 1947. The first game was in Comiskey Park (Chicago, IL) and drew 48,112 fans. Dan Bankhead, who had won game two of the 1946 East-West All Star game, pitched the West to a 5-2 victory. Jose Colas (Memphis Red Sox) paced the West hitters by driving in two runs with two hits. Buddy Armour, Piper Davis and Goose Tatum also had two hits each for the West. The East squad was held to just three hits for the entire game.</p>						
1947	July 29th	Polo Grounds	West	8-2	John Ford Smith	Rufus Lewis
<p>Game two of the 1947 East-West All Star classic was held at the Polo Grounds in New York City. For the first time in the history of the East-West All Star a game played outside Comiskey Park actually drew a good crowd. The official attendance for the game was 38,402. Sam Jethroe collected three of the fourteen hits by West batters. Jethroe also drove in four runs. The West got strong pitching from John Ford Smith, Johnny Williams, Spoon Carter and Vibert Clarke. The East scored two runs in the first innings then was held scoreless for the rest of the game. Johnny Washington (Baltimore Elite Giants) had two hits for the losers.</p>						
1948	August 22nd	Comiskey Park	West	3-0	William Powell	Rufus Lewis
<p>The first East-West All Star game of 1948 was played at Comiskey Park in Chicago. The game drew 42,099 fans. Both teams got strong pitching performances. Three West pitchers (William Powell, James “Lefty” La Marque and Gentry Jessup) pitched a three hit shutout of the East. Bob Boyd and Willard “Homerun” Brown each had two hits for the West.</p>						
1948	August 24th	Yankee Stadium	East	6-1	Max Manning	Vibert Clarke
<p>The second East-West All Star game of 1948 was played two days later at Yankee Stadium in New York City. Like so many years before, all star games played away from Chicago did not draw strong fan support. The Yankee Stadium game was no exception and only drew 17,298 fans. Frank Austin, George Crow and Minnie Minoso each had two hits for the East team. Max Manning, Dave Barnhill and Joe Black limited the West to only one run. Artie Wilson led the West squad with three of the team’s five hits.</p>						
1949	August 14th	Comiskey Park	East	4-0	Bob Griffith	Gene Richardson
<p>There was only one East-West All Star game played in 1949. Fan attendance was down dramatically for the game, even though it was played in Chicago. The 1949 classic only drew 31,097. The significant drop in attendance further confirmed what team owners already knew, the days of Negro League baseball were numbered. Behind the strong pitching of Bob Griffith, Andy Porter and Pat Scantlebury, the West squad could only manage two hits and no runs. Pedro Diaz of the New York Cubans paced the East with three hits. Howard Easterling also of the New York Cubans had two hits and drove in two runs.</p>						
1950	August 20th	Comiskey Park	West	5-3	Connie Johnson	Raul Galata
<p>For the fourth straight year attendance dropped at the East-west All Star game. Attendance for the 1950 game was only 24,614 or about half what it had been just three years earlier. Jesse Douglas (Chicago American Giants) led the West team to a 5-3 victory with three hits and two runs batted in. Rene Gonzalez and Ben Littles each had two hits for the East.</p>						

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1951	August 12th	Comiskey Park	East	3-1	Kelly Searcy	Vibert Clarke
<p>Negro League officials had a short glimmer of optimism for the all star game after the final tabulation of the fans votes from around the country was counted. According to Negro league officials there were more votes placed for the 1951 all star teams than had been cast in recent years. Unfortunately, the increased voting did not translate into sales at the ticket office. The 1951 East-West All Star game drew less than the year before with only 21,312 fans attending the game. In a low scoring contest the East team beat the West behind the hitting of Norman Robinson (two doubles and one run batted in) and the pitching of Leander Tugerson, Kelly Searcy and Wilmer Harris (nine innings pitched and only one unearned run allowed).</p>						
1952	August 17th	Comiskey Park	West	7-3	Dick Phillips	Frank Thompson
<p>For the fifth straight year attendance was down at the East-West All Star game. Attendance for the game dropped to 18,279 in 1952. This was an all-time low for a Negro League all star game played at Comiskey Park. Hank Baylis, Willie Patterson and Felix McLaurin each drove in two runs as the West breezed to a 7-3 victory over the East. The top pitching performance of the day was turned in by Ted Richardson (Indianapolis Clowns) of the West. Richardson pitched four no-hit and no run innings.</p>						
1953	August 16th	Comiskey Park	West	5-1	Sam Woods	Willy Gaines
<p>The 21st East-West All Star game hit an all time low in attendance for any game in the history of the classic. An estimated 7,000 to 10,000 fans barely made a dent in the bleachers. The attendance at the game was so disappointing that Dr. J.B. Martin, President of the Negro American League, presented an open invitation for Negro League fans to write him at his office in Chicago with suggestions about what should be done with the East-West classic. The lack luster game did not impress the fans or Major League baseball scouts. The contest ended with the West team taking home a 5-1 victory. The top hitter of the game was Ray Neil (Indianapolis Clowns) who went three for three for the West squad.</p>						
1954	August 22nd	Comiskey Park	West	8-4	Hank Mason	Andy Carpenter
<p>The 1954 East-West All Star game was played at Comiskey Park in Chicago. The attendance of the game was announced as 10,000. Hank Mason (Kansas City Monarchs) got the win and Andy Carpenter (Detroit Stars) took the loss.</p>						
1955	July 31st	Comiskey Park	West	2-0	Isiah Harris	Menske Cartledge
<p>A crowd of 11,257 fans were on hand to see an outstanding pitching duel between the East and West hurlers. The West scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning on a two run double by Eddie Reed (Memphis Red Sox) to take a 2-0 victory from the East. The starting pitchers were Satchel Paige (Kansas City Monarchs) for the West and Mel Duncan (Detroit Stars) for the East. Paige and Duncan each started the game with three scoreless innings. Isiah Harris (Memphis Red Sox) got the win and Menske "Robbie" Cartledge (Birmingham Black Barons) took the loss. It was the fourth straight victory for the West.</p>						
1956	Game One August 12th	Comiskey Park	East	11-5	Willie Harris	Ace Robinson
<p>According to an article that was published in the <u>Chicago Defender</u>, only 8,567 fans turned out to see the game. Ed Steele (Detroit Stars) managed the East team to an 11-5 victory over Homer "Goose" Curry's (Memphis Red Sox) West squad.</p>						

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1956	Game Two August 19th	Birmingham	West	5-4	-	-
<p>Ed Steele (Detroit Stars) managed the East squad and Homer “Goose” Curry (Memphis Red Sox) managed the West team in the East-West All Star game played was played in Birmingham (AL). The game was played at Rickwood Field on August 19th. Otha Bailey was named the Most Valuable Player of the game. Seven Major League scouts were in attendance at the game. Financially the game was a major disappointment because only 2,088 fans were in attendance at Rickwood Field for the historic game.</p>						
1956	Game Three August 26th	New Orleans	-	-	-	-
<p>No details are available.</p>						
1957	July 28th	Comiskey Park	West	8-5	Gene Williams	Joe Elliott
<p>The West scored three runs in the bottom of the eighth inning to score an 8-5 victory over the East squad. Gene Williams (Memphis Red Sox) got the win and Joe Elliott (Birmingham Black Barons) got the loss.</p>						
1958	August 31st	Yankee Stadium	East	6-5	Willie Harris	Marion Cain
<p>The 1958 East-West All Star game was moved to Yankee Stadium in New York City. The East squad behind the pitching of Willie Harris (Detroit Clowns) beat Marion “Sugar” Cain (Kansas City Monarchs) and the West team by a score of 6-5. The highlight of the game was Nat “Sweetwater” Clifton stealing home in the 8th inning to give the East team the win.</p>						
1959	August 9th	Comiskey Park	West	8-7	Pete Mumford	James Gilmore
<p>The East-West All Star game was moved back to Comiskey Park in Chicago for the 1959 classic. An estimated 3,000 fans were in attendance for the game. The East squad was managed by Lorenzo “Piper” Davis (Birmingham Black Barons) and the West team was managed by Herman Green (Detroit Stars). The fans that attended the game were treated to an exciting 11inning contest that ended in an 8-7 victory for the West. Unfortunately, the game was also a complete financial disaster. When all the bills had been paid there was only \$ 5,000.00 leftover to be split between the two teams.</p>						
1960	August 21st	Comiskey Park	West	8-4	Calvin Grant	Herbert Paymon
<p>The 1960 East-West All Star game was the last Negro League all star game to be played at Comiskey Park in Chicago. The starting pitchers for the game were Ernie Westfield (Birmingham Black Barons) for the East and Bill Matthews (Kansas City Monarchs) for the West. Three of the starting players for the game would go on to play in the Major Leagues later in their careers. These players were Ike Brown (Detroit Tigers), George Spriggs (Pittsburgh Pirates and Kansas City Royals) and Willie Smith (Los Angeles Angels, California Angels, Detroit Tigers, Cleveland Indians, Chicago Cubs and Cincinnati Reds).</p>						

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1961	August 20th	Yankee Stadium	West	7-1	Satchel Paige	Pete Gilliam

The 1961 East-West All Star game was held in conjunction with the Negro Elks Convention in New York City. Pairing the game with the Negro Elks Convention resulted in 7,245 fans attending the game. The starting pitchers for the game were the ageless Satchel Paige (Kansas City Monarchs) for the West and Pete Gilliam (Birmingham Black Barons) for the East. The game was dominated by the West's pitching staff. Satchel Paige combined with Don Poindexter and Dick Hemphill for a one hitter. After the game, Satchel Paige was voted the game's Most Valuable Player (MVP).

1962	August 27th	Municipal Stadium	West	5-2	-	-
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The last East-West All Star game in the history of Negro League baseball was played at Municipal Stadium in Kansas City (MO) after the conclusion of the regular 1962 season. The game was organized by former Kansas City Monarchs player Mack Massingale. Negro League veterans Frank Evans (Birmingham Black Barons) and Sherwood "Woody" Brewer (Kansas City Monarchs) managed the East and West squads respectively. Before the game Jackie Robinson, Frank Duncan, Newt Allen and Satchel Paige were honored in a pregame ceremony on the field.