

NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE

TEAM, INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

The Homestead Grays, perennial leaders of the Negro National League baseball sweepstakes, came home again at the head of the pack in 1945 but lost team leadership in batting and fielding. The Philadelphia Stars and the Baltimore Elite Giants tied for the team batting lead with .290 apiece. The Grays hit .282 to wind up in fourth place, a total of .003 points behind the Newark Eagles.

However, they scored the most runs and got the most hits, although Newark led in doubles, home runs, and in stolen bases. The Elite Giants got the most triples, 29, but the upsurging Eagles were also tops in total bases.

The New York Cubans supplanted the Grays as the best fielding team with a neat .963, but the champs were next best with .960 and had the most chances, 1,598. The NNL, as a unit, was slightly better than the NAL on defense.

In the individual field, the famous Josh Gibson put on a late season spree to take batting honors away from Buck Leonard and Bill Wright, both apparently "in" during the final month of the season. Gibson tied with Frank Austin and Gene Benson for the most hits, 57, but led in homes and was walked more than any other player.

Andy Porter of Baltimore was undefeated in seven decisions on the mound in 1945. He owns the best record in the league in the matter of winning percentage, but the nominal leader was Roy Welmaker whose fine work, both in quantity and quality, brought the Grays their pennant. He had 12 wins for the lead in that department. Roy Partlow led in strikeouts with 83.

1945 FINAL STANDINGS OF THE CLUBS

Club:	Won	Lost	Pct.	Club:	Won	Lost	Pct.
Homestead Grays	32	13	.711	Philadelphia Stars	21	19	.525
Baltimore Elite Giants	25	17	.595	New York Cubans	7	20	.259
Newark Eagles	21	18	.538	New York Black Yankees	7	26	.212

1945 FINAL NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE CLUB BATTING

Club	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	PC.	Was Shut Out
Philadelphia Stars	40	1363	195	395	53	18	17	172	29	.290	2
Baltimore Elite Giants	42	1340	206	388	54	29	9	180	23	.290	5
Newark Eagles	39	1257	235	358	62	22	23	198	37	.285	1
Homestead Grays	45	1454	240	410	59	21	19	176	26	.282	0
New York Black Yankees	33	1102	123	278	34	13	8	100	6	.252	3
New York Cubans	27	882	84	214	29	12	8	66	5	.243	3

1945 FINAL NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE CLUB FIELDING

Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PC.
New York Cubans	27	529	283	35	9	.363
Homestead Grays	45	1107	491	66	22	.960
Newark Eagles	39	931	383	61	21	.956
Baltimore Elite Giants	42	1037	453	73	29	.953
Philadelphia Stars	40	978	367	70	29	.951
New York Black Yankees	33	781	397	66	25	.947

1945 FINAL NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL BATTING—Five or More Games

Player and Club	G	TB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	PC.
Brooks, Cubans	6	6	0	4	0	0	0	2	0	.667
Seantlebury, Cubans	13	16	3	8	2	1	0	2	0	.500
Ricks, Philadelphia	12	24	3	10	0	0	0	5	0	.417
Gibson, Homestead	44	145	32	57	5	2	8	31	0	.393
M. Williams, Philadelphia	15	56	15	22	1	3	4	13	1	.393
Harvey, Newark	35	131	32	51	12	5	3	29	2	.389
Forrest, Black Yankees	6	13	2	5	0	0	0	2	0	.385
Leonard, Homestead	36	128	29	43	6	4	6	25	1	.375
Wright, Baltimore	40	151	34	56	11	4	1	29	4	.371
Benson, Philadelphia	38	154	23	57	8	3	2	22	2	.370
Campanella, Baltimore	40	137	34	50	8	2	5	36	1	.365
Austin, Philadelphia	39	161	29	57	10	0	2	21	9	.354
McLaurin, Black Yankees	26	108	16	37	7	2	2	14	0	.343
E. Williams, Newark	25	87	20	29	5	1	6	11	6	.333
Hinton, Baltimore	10	18	6	6	0	0	0	5	0	.333
Johnson, Black Yankees	7	18	2	6	1	0	0	1	0	.333
Benjamin, Homestead	43	167	37	55	7	1	1	18	10	.329
Robinson, Baltimore	26	84	9	27	2	1	0	11	1	.321
Wellmaker, Homestead	18	56	7	18	3	0	0	4	0	.321
Adams, Black Yankees	19	56	8	18	1	1	0	2	0	.321
Wells, Black Yankees	14	50	7	16	2	1	0	5	0	.320
Davis, Newark	38	138	28	44	14	3	6	34	1	.319
Wilkes, Newark	15	41	9	13	0	1	0	6	2	.317
Hoskins, Baltimore	36	127	23	40	7	6	1	18	4	.315
Curry, Philadelphia	36	112	24	35	5	4	4	13	8	.313
Barker, Black Yankees	32	129	14	40	2	1	1	13	4	.310
Pearson, Newark	33	123	23	38	8	5	2	26	6	.309
Eutts, Baltimore	32	110	21	34	7	1	0	6	2	.309
Matthews, Newark	22	81	23	25	5	4	1	14	4	.309
Scales, Black Yankees	18	52	5	16	0	2	0	4	0	.308
Mackey, Newark	36	114	15	35	2	2	1	21	0	.307
Bell, Homestead	44	172	36	52	6	3	0	10	10	.302

Player and Club	G	TB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SB	PC.
Blair, Homestead	9	20	2	6	0	1	0	2	0	.300
Stone, Philadelphia	35	131	12	39	9	0	1	18	3	.298
Kimbro, Baltimore	41	172	31	50	10	6	2	14	5	.291
Diaz, Cubans	27	103	10	30	4	3	0	11	1	.291
Wilson, Homestead	21	52	7	15	2	0	0	4	0	.288
Parker, Cubans	25	91	9	26	3	2	2	6	0	.286
Roberts, Newark	7	14	3	4	1	0	0	1	0	.286
Bankhead, Homestead	35	124	11	35	5	2	1	16	3	.282
Hoskins, Homestead	41	169	29	47	8	2	2	16	4	.278
Duckett, Philadelphia	31	112	14	31	1	1	0	13	1	.277
Watkins, Newark	38	156	30	43	6	2	0	13	11	.276
West, Philadelphia	40	162	17	44	2	5	3	26	0	.272
Kelly, Black Yankees	9	26	2	7	2	0	0	3	0	.269
Humber, Newark	32	101	22	27	2	0	0	19	2	.267
Linares, Cubans	25	79	11	21	2	2	0	4	0	.266
Harris, Homestead	13	19	1	5	0	1	0	3	0	.263
R. Walker, Homestead	15	23	5	6	0	1	0	4	0	.261
Partlow, Philadelphia	30	73	8	19	0	0	0	4	0	.260
Gerard, Black Yankees	27	93	9	24	5	0	0	5	2	.258
Garrido, Cubans	18	66	8	17	0	1	1	6	2	.258
Martinez, Cubans	27	88	9	22	4	0	0	1	0	.250
Poole, Black Yankees	19	55	4	14	0	0	1	5	0	.255
Barnhill, Cubans	12	32	2	8	0	0	0	2	0	.250
Anderson, Cubans	10	16	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	.250
Hill, Newark	10	12	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	.250
H. Williams, Baltimore	41	153	20	38	3	2	0	19	1	.248
Louden, Cubans	24	81	9	20	6	1	1	10	0	.247
Snow, Baltimore	33	94	13	23	4	3	0	17	2	.245
Cash, Philadelphia	35	119	10	29	2	1	0	8	2	.244
Wells, Newark	19	66	10	16	6	0	0	2	0	.242
Baker, Black Yankees	25	87	12	21	4	0	0	6	0	.241
Dennis, Baltimore	37	125	14	29	4	2	0	13	0	.232
Brown, Philadelphia	11	35	5	8	3	0	0	4	0	.229
Holmes, Black Yankees	15	62	3	14	0	2	0	9	0	.226
B. Jackson, Homestead	41	120	16	27	5	2	0	8	1	.225
Perez, Cubans	23	58	1	13	3	0	0	3	1	.224
Wynn, Newark	10	27	2	6	0	0	0	4	0	.222
Irvin, Newark	5	18	5	4	1	0	1	3	0	.222
Brown, Homestead	27	69	8	15	4	1	1	14	0	.217
Perkins, Black Yankees	16	56	5	12	2	1	0	8	0	.214
Haris, Philadelphia	8	14	3	3	1	0	0	5	0	.214
Thomas, Cubans	15	52	3	11	3	2	1	6	0	.212
S. Glenn, Philadelphia	7	19	3	4	2	0	0	2	0	.211
Dihigo, Cubans	17	54	9	11	0	0	3	7	0	.204
Christopher, Black Yankees	22	69	12	14	1	0	4	9	0	.203
Newcombe, Newark	20	50	6	10	0	0	0	5	2	.200
E. Walker, Homestead	6	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Spearman, Philadelphia	14	52	6	10	3	0	1	6	1	.192
Morris, Cubans	7	16	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	.188
Battle, Homestead	41	108	12	20	4	0	0	9	0	.185
Stanley, Black Yankees	10	22	1	4	0	0	0	2	0	.182
Starks, Black Yankees	12	39	3	7	2	1	0	5	0	.179
McQueen, Black Yankees	6	17	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	.176
Tiant, Cubans	5	6	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	.167
Woods, Philadelphia	21	61	11	10	3	1	0	3	0	.164
Hooker, Newark	12	33	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	.152
Byrd, Baltimore	23	53	5	8	0	1	1	7	0	.151
Porter, Baltimore	10	27	1	4	0	1	0	5	0	.148
Banks, Newark	14	37	2	5	0	0	0	2	0	.135
Cannady, Cubans	10	37	0	5	1	0	0	3	1	.135
Hardy, Black Yankees	22	62	8	8	2	0	0	4	0	.129
Clark, Cubans	12	16	2	2	1	0	0	1	0	.125
Clarke, Baltimore	12	33	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	.091
Noble, Cubans	16	33	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	.091
Miller, Philadelphia	6	13	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	.077
Sunkett, Philadelphia	8	15	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	.067
Glover, Baltimore	11	21	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	.048
Farmer, Cubans	5	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Mack, Black Yankees	11	15	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000

1945 FINAL NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUE PITCHING—One Decision or More

Pitcher and Club	G.	IP.	H.	BB.	SO.	Comp. Shut		W.	L.	PC.
						Gs.	Outs			
Porter, Baltimore	11	82	82	18	30	7	2	8	0	1000
Wright, Homestead Grays	3	25	14	3	6	3	1	3	0	1000
D. Hoskins, Homestead	3	9	11	4	5	0	0	2	0	1000
Davis, Philadelphia	4	5	5	4	2	0	0	1	0	1000
Morgan, Baltimore	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1000
Hinton, Baltimore	5	24	21	13	17	1	0	1	0	1000

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