

California Winter League (1930-31)

During the 1930-31 winter league season there were two “major” leagues that played in California. Joe Pirrone’s “California Winter League” included one black team (Nashville Elite Giants), one Latin team (El Paso Mexicans) and four white teams (Pirrone’s All Stars, San Diego, MGM and Pasadena). The “Other” California Winter League included Lonnie Goodwin’s Philadelphia Royal Giants and three white teams (Shell Oil, Commercial Club and Kelley Kars).

The following statistics were compiled by William F. McNeil in his book The California Winter League (McFarland Publishing).

Joe Pirrone’s - California Winter League (1930-31)

Batting Leaders

(Players with at least 35 at bats)

Player	Team	Games	AB	Hits	2B	3B	HR	BA
Tank Carr	Nashville	8	21	8	1	2	2	.381
Turkey Stearnes	Nashville	33	130	49	9	2	8	.377
Johnny Walters	San Diego	14	51	19	2	0	5	.373
Bill Riggins	Nashville	33	119	43	10	2	7	.361
Poindexter Williams	Nashville	26	100	36	10	1	4	.360
Bill Evans	Nashville	34	116	40	5	2	0	.345
Jake Dunn	Nashville	31	115	37	7	3	5	.322
Elmer Lloyd	San Diego	15	58	18	1	0	0	.310
Dewey Creacy	Nashville	32	107	33	5	2	0	.308
Hugh Mc Mullen	Pirrone’s A.S.	10	39	12	2	0	1	.308
Jack Ridley	Nashville	32	125	37	10	3	1	.296
Shorty Ingle	San Diego	11	37	10	2	0	0	.270
Al Wingo	Pirrone’s A.S.	10	39	11	2	0	1	.282
Willie Bobo	Nashville	29	114	32	3	3	1	.281
Eddie Pick	Pirrone’s A.S.	11	41	11	3	0	1	.268
Bobby Jones	San Diego	14	58	15	1	0	0	.259
Hooks Cotter	Pirrone’s A.S.	9	35	9	2	0	0	.257
Cy Rammage	San Diego	9	39	10	2	0	0	.256
Earle Brucker	San Diego	13	52	13	4	0	0	.250
Hank Ginglardi	San Diego	16	61	14	3	1	2	.230
Dallas Warren	San Diego	12	34	5	1	1	0	.147
Carl Sawyer	Pirrone’s A.S.	9	34	5	1	0	1	.147

League Leaders (Batting)

Games	Bill Evans	Nashville	34
At Bats	Turkey Stearnes	Nashville	130
Hits	Turkey Stearnes	Nashville	49
Doubles	Jack Ridley	Nashville	10
	Bill Riggins	Nashville	10
	Poindexter Williams	Nashville	10

League Leaders (Batting - Continued)

Triples	Willie Bobo	Nashville	3
	Jack Ridley	Nashville	3
	Jake Dunn	Nashville	3
Homeruns	Turkey Stearnes	Nashville	8
Batting Average	Turkey Stearnes	Nashville	.377

Pitching Leaders

Player	Team	Complete			Lost	Innings	SO	BB
		Games	Games	Won				
Jim Willis	Nashville	14	14	11	3	120	86	19
Cherry Bell	Nashville	9	9	6	2	81	43	25
Speedball Cannon	Nashville	8	6	6	0	63	42	34
Sam Ross	Nashville	6	5	6	0	48	29	9
Jack Killeen	San Diego	9	8	5	2	78	50	24
Gook Nielson	San Diego	7	5	3	3	62	34	21
Joe "Lefty" Edleman	Pirrone's A.S.	5	5	1	4	42	10	4
Lou Koupal	Pirrone's A.S.	5	3	1	4	35	18	17

League Leaders (Pitching)

Games	Jim Willis	Nashville	14
Complete Games	Jim Willis	Nashville	14
Innings	Jim Willis	Nashville	120
Won	Jim Willis	Nashville	11
Lost	Joe Edleman	Pirrone's All Stars	4
	Lou Koupal	Pirrone's All Stars	4
Strikeouts	Jim Willis	Nashville	86
Base on Balls	Speedball Cannon	Nashville	34
Shutouts	Jim Willis	Nashville	3

“Other” California Winter League (1930-31)

Batting Leaders

(Players with at least 24 at bats)

Player	Team	Games	AB	Hits	2B	3B	HR	BA
Ray Jacobs	Shell Oil	6	25	12	1	2	0	.480
Mule Suttles	Philadelphia	11	38	18	6	0	7	.474
Jud Wilson	Philadelphia	15	49	23	9	2	3	.469
Wally Berger	Kelley Kars	12	45	20	2	0	10	.426
Biz Mackey	Philadelphia	14	43	18	4	1	0	.419
Johnny Rawlings	Kelley Kars	9	32	12	1	0	0	.375
W. Griffin	Shell Oil	6	24	9	1	0	2	.375
Chaney White	Philadelphia	16	61	20	1	0	4	.328
Newt Allen	Philadelphia	15	63	19	2	0	2	.302
Willie Wells	Philadelphia	13	57	17	2	2	2	.298
Jigger Statz	Kelley Kars	8	34	10	2	0	0	.294
Wes Kingdon	Commercial	10	29	8	0	0	0	.278
Fred Haney	Kelley Kars	13	47	13	1	0	0	.277
Rap Dixon	Philadelphia	15	51	14	3	0	2	.275
Fuzzy Hufft	Commercial	12	44	12	1	0	3	.273
Frank Brazill	Commercial	10	37	10	3	0	0	.270
Vic Harris	Philadelphia	14	50	13	1	1	1	.260
Cedric Durst	Kelley Kars	10	40	10	1	0	2	.250
Ike DAnning	Commercial	8	24	6	1	0	0	.250
Johnny Moore	Commercial	8	33	8	2	0	2	.242
Art Parker	Kelley Kars	7	29	6	1	0	0	.207

League Leaders (Batting)

Games	Chaney White	Philadelphia	16
At Bats	Newt Allen	Philadelphia	63
Hits	Jud Wilson	Philadelphia	23
Doubles	Jud Wilson	Philadelphia	9
Triples	Jud Wilson	Philadelphia	2
Homeruns	Wally Berger	Kelley Kars	10
Batting Average	Mule Suttles	Philadelphia	.474

Pitching Leaders

Player	Team	Complete			Lost	Innings	SO	BB
		Games	Games	Won				
Willie Foster	Philadelphia	11	7	9	0	68	53	20
Andy Cooper	Philadelphia	7	5	5	0	52	36	11
George Britton	Philadelphia	5	2	4	1	38	20	16
Lou Mc Evoy	Shell Oil	5	2	3	0	36	18	9
Porter Charleston	Philadelphia	5	1	3	1	29	25	7
Chet Brewer	Philadelphia	3	1	2	0	20	-	-
Jim Turner	Commercial	3	2	2	0	19	5	2
Archie Campbell	Commercial	4	4	2	2	34	10	18
Win Ballou	Kelley Kars	4	2	1	2	25	15	12
Ted Pillette	Shell Oil	3	2	0	3	22	-	-
George Hollerson	Commercial	3	3	0	3	23	11	12
Glen Gabler	Kelley Kars	6	3	0	5	36	-	-

League Leaders (Pitching)

Games	Willie Foster	Philadelphia	11
Complete Games	Willie Foster	Philadelphia	7
Innings	Willie Foster	Philadelphia	68
Won	Willie Foster	Philadelphia	9
Lost	Glen Gabler	Kelley Kars	5
Strikeouts	Willie Foster	Philadelphia	53
Base on Balls	Willie Foster	Philadelphia	20
Shutouts	Willie Foster	Philadelphia	1
	Andy Cooper	Philadelphia	1
	Chet Brewer	Philadelphia	1
	Porter Charleston	Philadelphia	1