

California Winter League (1944-45)

During the 1944-45 California Winter League season there were two black teams (Birmingham Black Barons and Kansas City Royals) and two white teams (Service All Stars and the Naval Dry Dock) that played in the league.

Newspaper coverage of the 1944-45 California Winter League season appears to have been very minimal.

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

From statistics that have been uncovered by Mc Neil, the batting and pitching leaders for the Birmingham Black Barons and Kansas City Royals for the 1944-45 season were:

Batting Leaders

Player	Team	Games	AB	Hits	2B	3B	HR	BA
Cool Pappa Bell	Birmingham	3	13	8	1	0	0	.615
Lorenzo Davis	Birmingham	3	10	5	1	0	1	.500
Biz Mackey	Kansas City	4	7	3	0	0	0	.429
Burnis Wright	Kansas City	5	19	8	1	2	0	.421
Jesse Williams	Kansas City	5	19	8	3	0	0	.421
Ray Dandridge	Kansas City	6	20	7	0	0	0	.350
Artie Wilson	Birmingham	2	7	2	0	0	0	.287
Bonnie Serrell	Kansas City	6	20	5	1	0	0	.250
Bill Simms	Kansas City	5	16	4	0	0	0	.250
Pepper Bassett	Kansas City	2	4	1	1	0	0	.250
Willie Wells	Kansas City	3	9	2	0	0	0	.222
Harry Williams	Birmingham	3	10	2	0	0	0	.200
Sammy Bankhead	Birmingham	2	5	1	0	1	0	.200
Theolic Smith	Kansas City	5	15	2	1	1	0	.133

Pitching Leaders

Player	Team	Games	Complete		Lost	Innings	SO	BB
			Games	Won				
Nate Moreland	Kansas City	7	5	6	0	52	-	-
Chet Brewer	Kansas City	6	1	2	2	29	-	-
John Markham	Birmingham	2	1	1	0	12	-	-
Carranza Howard	Birmingham	1	1	1	0	9	-	-
Hilton Smith	Kansas City	3	1	1	1	17	-	-
Booker McDaniels	Birmingham	3	2	1	1	23	-	-

Nate Moreland pitched two shutouts and Chet Brewer pitched a shutout during the 1944-45 season.

The Birmingham Black Barons were declared the winners of the 1944-45 California Winter League season with an unofficial record of 4-1-2 (.800).

