

California Winter League Standings

The California Winter League was integrated during the 1910-11 season when Rube Foster brought the Leland Giants to the West Coast to play the winter league season.

The following California Winter League standings were compiled by William McNeil for his book The California Winter League (McFarland Publishing).

In his book, McNeil indicates that newspaper coverage was not always very good and that numerous game accounts are missing for each season, therefore, it is important to note that most of the season standings are most likely not complete.

An asterisk by a team's name indicates it was a black team.

California Winter League (1910-11)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
McCormicks	12	5	1	.706
San Diego	7	4	0	.636
* Lincoln Giants	10	7	2	.588
Doyles	2	14	1	.125

California Winter League (1911-12)

The presence of Rube Foster's Lincoln Giants team in the California Winter League during the 1910-11 season raised the quality of play in the league, attracted a higher caliber of ball player (Major and Minor League players) to the white teams, increased the fan base and significantly increased attendance at the league games.

When no black team joined the league for the 1911-12 season, the California Winter League reverted back to a semi-professional league for the season.

Teams that played in the California Winter League for the 1911-12 season were: Fillmore, Harris & Frank, Henry & Cornett, Jeffries, Oxnard, Pomona, San Bernadino and Ventura.

It is important to note that in addition to the California Winter League there were several other leagues that played baseball in California during the winter of 1911-12. One of the most important leagues from a black baseball historical perspective was in the Los Angeles area. This league included the Los Angeles Colored Giants (semi-pro black team from Los Angeles), McCormick Shamrocks, Maier Joy Riders and the Santa Monica Beach Combers.

California Winter League (1912-13)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
San Diego Bears	7	4	0	.636
Tufts-Lyons	6	6	0	.500
* Chicago American Giants	6	7	0	.462
McCormicks	2	4	0	.333

California Winter League (1913-14)

Newspaper coverage of the 1913-14 California Winter League is very sketchy according to the research of William McNeil. Too few games with box scores were found to construct a league standing.

The Los Angeles Colored Giants did play in the league during the winter of 1913-14. In addition the following white teams also played in the league: Boynton Beavers, Long Beach, Los Angeles Brewery, Los Angeles Hoegees, Newton All Stars, Oxnard, Perris, Phoenix, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, Stockton, Tufts-Lyons, Urbita Stars (San Bernadino) and Whittier.

There is also a possibility that the Chicago American Giants may have played in the league or against league teams because according to Negro League researcher Lyle Wilson the American Giants barnstormed on the West Coast in the winter of 1913-14.

California Winter League (1914-15)

There does not appear to have been a formalized California Winter League during the 1914-15 season. There were some lesser leagues like the Imperial Valley League and the Southern California Winter League. Most of the baseball games played during the winter seem to have been played on an independent basis.

There was no high caliber black team that competed in California during the 1914-15 winter league season.

California Winter League (1915-16)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Chicago American Giants	9	5	0	.643
San Bernadino	4	3	0	.571
San Diego Pantages	5	8	0	.385
Cline-Cline	2	4	0	.333

California Winter League (1916-17)

Not enough games have been found to construct league standings for the 1916-17 California Winter League season.

The Los Angeles White Sox were the black entry in the league. The White Sox team included John Donaldson and George "Tank" Carr.

The white teams that played in the California Winter League during the 1916-17 season included: Anheuser-Busch, Pacific Electric, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, San Diego Hulls and San Pedro.

California Winter League (1917-18)

Not enough games have been found to construct league standings for the 1917-18 California Winter League season.

The Los Angeles White Sox were the black entry in the league. John Donaldson returned to play for the White Sox for the 1917-18 season.

The white teams that played in the California Winter League during the 1916-17 season included: Army, Camp Kearny, Fullerton-Anaheim, Los Angeles, Navy, Pacific Electric, Pasadena, Rathskellers, San Pedro, Standard-Murphy, Submarine Base, Tufts-Lyons and Vernon.

California Winter League (1918-19)

There was no black team represented in the California Winter League for the 1918-19 season.

The white teams that played in the league were the Athletics, Dyas' All Stars, Hollywood, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Rall's All Stars and the Vernon Tigers.

California Winter League (1919-20)

There was no black team represented in the California Winter League for the 1919-20 season.

The white teams that played in the league were Dyas' All Stars, Killefer's All Stars, Babe Ruth's All Stars and Buck Weaver's All Stars.

The Los Angeles White Sox appear to have the top rated black team in the Southern California area, but they were strictly a semi-professional club.

California Winter League (1920-21)

The stature of the California Winter League changed in 1920 when Joe Pirrone (local ball player and night club owner) joined forces with Doc Anderson (local businessman) to elevate the status of the league. Anderson was responsible for including at least one black team in the league and securing a home ball park for the team. The importance of a home park for black teams stemmed from the fact that black teams were barred from playing in Pacific Coast League stadiums. Anderson secured a ball park for black teams by building his own stadium (Anderson Park a.k.a. White Sox Park) at the corner of East Anderson and 4th Street in Los Angeles. Pirrone's responsibility was recruiting Major League and high caliber Minor League players for the white teams in the league. The 1920-21 California Winter League season is considered by many baseball historians as the first "real" California Winter League season.

The Los Angeles White Sox were the black team entry in the 1920-21 California Winter League. Some of the Negro League stars that were signed by the White Sox for the 1920-21 season were George "Tank" Carr, Rube Currie, Bob Fagan, Hurley McNair, Walter "Dobie" Moore and Bullet Joe Rogan.

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
Blue's All Stars	1	0	0	1.000
*Los Angeles White Sox	22	15	2	.596
Pirrone's All Stars	10	10	1	.500
Fisher's All Stars	4	4	0	.500
Rall's All Stars	0	2	1	.500
*Alexander's Giants	0	2	0	.000
San Pedro	0	4	0	.000

There were two other black teams that played an independent schedule in California during the 1920-21 winter season. They were the Lincoln Giants (Eastern Colored League) and Alexander's Giants. The Lincoln Giants were led by Biz Mackey (.494), Bill Pettus (.403) and Spottswood Poles (.365). Jess Hubbard (9-1) and Ping Gardner (8-1) were the Lincoln Giants two top pitchers during the winter. The Lincoln Giants compiled an impressive record of 20-2 (.909) while playing in California. Alexander's Giants played an extensive schedule that included at least 82 games on the West Coast.

California Winter League (1921-22)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
Sawyer's All Stars	2	0	0	1.000
Pirrone's All Stars	4	2	0	.667
*Colored All Stars	25	15	1	.625
Fisher's All Stars	2	3	0	.400
Meusel's All Stars	4	7	0	.364
Pacific National	1	2	0	.333
Calpaco	1	6	1	.143
Edington's All Stars	0	1	0	.000
Kruger's All Stars	0	1	0	.000
Public Service	0	1	0	.000
Dyas' All Stars	0	3	0	.000

California Winter League (1922-23)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
San Diego	4	2	0	.667
Pirrone's All Stars	11	9	2	.550
*Los Angeles White Sox	9	11	2	.450
Vernon Tigers	0	2	0	.000

California Winter League (1923-24)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
Universal Studio	2	1	1	.667
San Diego	3	2	1	.600
*St. Louis Stars	5	4	2	.556
Pirrone's All Stars	1	6	0	.143

California Winter League (1924-25)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
White Kings	20	9	0	.690
Vernon Tigers	14	9	0	.608
*Los Angeles White Sox	28	21	1	.571
Pirrone's All Stars	9	16	0	.360

California Winter League (1925-26)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Philadelphia Royal Giants	24	15	3	.615
White King Soapsters	10	8	0	.556
Pirrone's All Stars	5	10	2	.333
Shell Oil	2	9	1	.181

California Winter League (1926-27)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Philadelphia Royal Giants	26	11	1	.703
Shell Oil	19	15	0	.559
White Kings	12	17	0	.414
Pirrone's All Stars	8	22	1	.267

California Winter League (1927-28)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Philadelphia Royal Giants	19	11	2	.633
*Cleveland Stars	10	8	0	.556
Pirrone's All Stars	6	14	2	.300
Orange County	0	2	0	.000

California Winter League (1928-29)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Cleveland Giants	30	13	2	.698
Shell Oil	8	9	2	.471
Pirrone's All Stars	10	20	1	.333
White Kings	5	11	1	.313

California Winter League (1929-30)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Philadelphia Royal Giants	23	12	1	.657
Shell Oil	11	6	1	.647
Pirrone's All Stars	11	12	0	.478
San Luis Giants	9	15	0	.375
Kelley Kars	4	10	0	.286

California Winter League (1930-31)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Nashville Elite Giants	33	10	2	.767
MGM	2	1	0	.667
San Diego	10	9	2	.526
Pasadena	1	2	1	.333
Pirrone's All Stars	5	13	0	.278
El Paso Mexicans	2	8	0	.200

"Other" California Winter League (1930-31)

This was the second of two "major" leagues that played in California during the winter of 1930-31.

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Philadelphia Royal Giants	28	2	1	.933
Shell Oil	4	7	0	.364
Commercial Club	3	10	0	.231
Kelley Kars	1	18	1	.053

California Winter League (1931-32)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Philadelphia Royal Giants	22	2	0	.917
Pirrone's All Stars	2	6	0	.250
San Diego	0	4	0	.000
White Kings	0	6	0	.000

California Winter League (1932-33)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
Firestone	1	0	0	1.000
*Nashville Elite Giants	14	2	2	.875
Redondo	1	1	0	.500
Pirrone's All Stars	1	6	2	.143
El Paso	0	8	0	.000

California Winter League (1933-34)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Wilson's Elite Giants	34	8	2	.810
Portland	1	1	0	.500
White Kings	2	5	1	.286
Pirrone's All Stars	3	22	2	.120
El Paso	0	2	0	.000
May Company	0	2	0	.000

California Winter League (1934-35)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Wilson's Elite Giants	34	5	1	.872
May Company	1	2	0	.333
Pirrone's All Stars	5	16	0	.238
White Kings	2	10	0	.167

California Winter League (1935-36)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Wilson's Royal Giants	23	6	2	.793
Pirrone's All Stars	14	10	0	.583
Santa Monica Merchants	13	10	1	.565
White King Soapsters	12	11	1	.522

California Winter League (1936-37)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Royal Giants	21	7	1	.750
May Company	2	1	0	.667
San Diego Merchants	6	4	0	.600
Pirrone's All Stars	5	6	1	.455
White Kings	3	4	0	.429
Santa Monica Merchants	3	5	0	.375

California Winter League (1937-38)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Philadelphia Royal Giants	21	3	1	.875
Paris Inn-Gold Club	10	6	0	.625
Farley Clothiers	6	9	0	.400
*Detroit Stars	5	10	0	.333
El Centro	2	4	0	.333
White King Soapsters	4	10	1	.286

California Winter League (1938-39)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Philadelphia Royal Giants	11	2	1	.846
White Kings	4	2	0	.667
El Paso Mexicans	4	2	1	.667
San Diego All Stars	3	5	0	.375
*Detroit Stars	2	4	1	.333
Santa Paula	0	3	0	.000

California Winter League (1939-40)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
Long Beach All Stars	1	0	0	1.000
*Philadelphia Royal Giants	10	6	1	.625
Walker Roofers	2	3	0	.400
Pirrone's All Stars	3	5	1	.375
White Kings	1	2	0	.333
San Diego 7-Up	1	4	0	.250

California Winter League (1940-41)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Baltimore Elite Giants	9	4	0	.692
Pirrone's All Stars	4	3	0	.571
Chihuahua Mexicans	1	5	0	.167
White Kings	0	2	0	.000

California Winter League (1941-42)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
Pirrone's All Stars	4	0	0	1.000
*Royal Giants	0	4	0	.000

California Winter League (1942-43)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
Major-Minor League All Stars	1	0	0	1.000
Los Alamitos Naval Air Station	1	0	0	1.000
*Royal Giants	0	2	0	.000

California Winter League (1943-44)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Baltimore Elite Giants	7	5	1	.583
Pirrone's All Stars	5	7	1	.417

California Winter League (1944-45)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
*Baltimore Elite Giants	4	1	2	.800
*Kansas City Royal Giants	11	6	1	.647
Service All Stars	3	3	0	.500
Naval Dry Dock	0	4	1	.000

California Winter League (1945)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
San Diego All Stars	3	1	0	.750
*Kansas City Royals	14	10	0	.583
Major League All Stars	4	4	0	.500
*Birmingham Black Barons	2	2	0	.500
Coast League All Stars	1	5	0	.167
Saltillo Mexican All Stars	0	2	0	.000

California Winter League (1946)

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
Major League All Stars	1	0	1	1.000
*Kansas City Royals	6	3	1	.667
Major-Minor League All Stars	0	3	0	.000
Hollywood Stars	0	4	0	.000

California Winter Exhibition Games (1947)

There was no California Winter League season in 1947. Several teams however played exhibition games in California during the winter of 1947.

According to the research of William McNeil that was published in his book The California Winter League, the records of these teams were as follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Ties	Pct.
Minor League Stars	1	0	0	1.000
Feller's All Stars	4	2	0	.667
*Kansas City Royals	4	5	0	.444
Major-Minor League All Stars	0	1	0	.000
Blackwell's All Stars	0	2	0	.000