

Negro American League (1958)

League Leaders

Based on statistics compiled by the Howe News Bureau (Chicago) the official Negro American League hitting and pitching leaders for the 1958 season were:

Title	Player	Team	
Batting Average	John Williams	Birmingham	.357
	Harold Hair	Kansas City	.355
	John Self	Kansas City	.298
	Price West	Detroit	.298
Homeruns	Bernard Porter	Detroit	6
	Bobby Sanders	Birmingham	5
	Willie Washington	Kansas City	5
Runs Batted In	Willie Washington	Kansas City	42
	John Self	Kansas City	38
	Price West	Detroit	37
Stolen Bases	Lonnie Harris	Memphis	16
	James Robinson	Kansas City	6
	John Self	Kansas City	5
	William White	Kansas City	5
Wins (Pitching)	Willie Harris	Detroit	8-2
	Aubrey Grisby	Kansas	7-0
	Charlie Pride	Memphis	7-3
Earned Run Average	John Childress	Detroit	2.21
	Willie Harris	Detroit	2.33
	Willie Smith	Birmingham	2.67
Strikeouts (Pitching)	Jesse Townsend	Kansas City	85
	Willie Harris	Detroit	76
	Ben Adams	Kansas City	62

Frank Mc Cullum of the Kansas City Monarchs pitched the leagues only no-hitter with a 5-2 victory over the Memphis Red Sox on July 4. The 1958 East West All Star game was played in Yankee Stadium on August 31. The East squad defeated the West by a score of 6 to 5 when Nat “Sweetwater” Clifton stole home in the eighth inning. Willie Harris of the Detroit Clowns was the winner of the game for the West squad and Marion “Sugar” Cain of the Kansas City Monarchs took the loss for the East.

OFFICIAL NEGRO AMERICAN LEAGUE BATTING RECORDS *** SEASON 1958 *** FOR IMMEDIATE
RELEASE *** COMPILED BY HOWE NEWS BUREAU, 30 N. LA SALLE ST., CHICAGO 2, ILL.

CLUB BATTING

Club	G	AB	R	OR	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SF	SB	BB	HB	SO	LOB	RBI	PCT
Kansas City	56	1991	360	302	532	739	77	32	22	22	12	37	281	33	339	475	293	267
Detroit	48	1552	258	309	384	564	73	25	19	16	13	10	240	22	332	347	218	247
Birmingham	34	1097	197	207	263	372	36	17	13	16	3	11	162	11	204	236	161	240
Memphis	32	958	157	154	216	307	36	11	11	8	5	14	154	17	162	225	150	225

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

LEADING QUALIFIERS FOR BATTING CHAMPIONSHIP (100 or More Plate Appearances)

Player and Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	PCT
Williams, John, Bir	31	115	30	41	63	6	2	4	0	0	11	0	27	7	357
Hair, Harold, KC	38	155	35	55	64	6	0	1	2	5	12	2	29	27	355
Self, John, KC	55	228	38	68	105	9	8	4	2	5	18	0	38	47	298
West, Price, Det	49	178	42	53	78	8	4	3	5	0	18	4	37	38	298
Harris, William, Bir	32	111	25	33	57	8	5	2	1	0	23	2	27	14	297
Haggins, Ray, Mem	32	112	22	33	57	7	4	3	4	0	10	5	23	19	295
Washington, Willie, KC	52	182	39	52	81	6	4	5	2	2	45	2	42	33	286
Henry, Joseph, Det	41	109	12	31	42	2	0	3	3	1	11	6	15	11	284
Robinson, James, KC	56	212	32	58	71	7	3	0	6	6	46	6	16	23	274
Jarvis, Gideon, KC	44	139	29	38	63	11	1	4	2	2	31	3	30	25	273

PLAYERS IN TEN OR MORE GAMES -- Listed Alphabetically

Player and Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HB	RBI	SO	PCT
Adams, Ben, KC	12	33	3	3	5	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	6	13	091
Alston, Eddie, Det	39	159	22	38	51	11	1	0	1	2	5	1	24	28	239
Bailey, Otha, Bir	32	111	15	21	23	0	1	0	2	3	13	0	8	17	189
Banks, James, Mem	32	99	24	22	38	2	1	4	3	3	23	3	25	18	222
Barnes, Isaac, Mem	32	111	11	28	39	5	0	2	1	0	1	0	24	14	252
Bass, Jessie, Bir	34	132	28	30	34	4	0	0	2	3	12	1	12	28	227
Brown, Willard, KC	14	37	9	12	19	1	0	2	1	0	6	0	10	7	324
Carter, Marvin, Mem	15	40	6	8	10	2	0	0	1	1	6	0	7	6	200
Chapman, Arthur, Mem	12	29	5	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	10	2	2	9	138
Clifton, Nathaniel, Det	10	35	4	10	12	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	8	286
Cotton, Curtis, Det	10	11	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	091
Elliott, Joseph, 8 Bir - 2 Mem	10	16	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	6	063
Evans, John, Det	17	52	11	12	14	0	1	0	2	0	7	0	6	7	231
Gibson, Rufus, Mem	32	108	21	27	35	3	1	1	0	1	20	3	17	16	250
Griggs, Wiley, Bir	31	108	11	17	22	2	0	1	6	1	15	2	6	8	157
Grigsby, Aubrey, KC	14	30	6	14	18	1	0	1	3	0	5	1	3	3	467
Haggins, Ray, Mem	32	112	22	33	57	7	4	3	4	0	10	5	23	19	295
Hair, Harold, KC	38	155	35	55	64	6	0	1	2	5	12	2	29	27	355
Hamilton, Arthur, Det	38	122	14	23	32	5	2	0	1	1	14	2	15	27	189
Harris, Lonnie, Mem	28	91	25	17	23	2	2	0	2	16	29	1	9	22	187
Harris, William, Bir	32	111	25	33	57	8	5	2	1	0	23	2	27	14	297
Harris, Willie, Det	22	52	6	15	28	6	2	1	1	0	4	0	6	5	288
Henry, Joseph, Det	41	109	12	31	42	2	0	3	3	1	11	6	15	11	284
Hill, Sam, Mem	27	88	11	20	26	3	0	1	0	0	21	2	18	4	227
Hubbard, Palmer, KC	11	33	9	9	12	3	0	0	0	2	9	0	2	7	273
Hudson, Edward, Det	23	68	9	17	26	6	0	1	1	0	12	0	7	20	250
Ivory, James, Bir	33	137	23	31	45	7	2	1	3	2	3	0	19	15	226
Jackson, A. J., KC	12	28	2	7	8	1	0	0	1	0	4	0	6	6	250
Jackson, Al, KC	33	114	16	21	31	3	2	1	3	2	12	2	16	12	184
Jackson, Brown, Bir	23	75	12	17	21	2	1	0	1	1	20	2	14	10	227
Jarvis, Gideon, KC	44	139	29	38	63	11	1	4	2	2	31	3	30	25	273
Jones, Stanley, Bir	12	24	3	5	7	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	4	5	208
King, Clarence, Det	19	63	12	21	31	5	1	1	0	1	17	0	9	5	333
LaGrande, Larry, Det	36	105	22	23	31	2	3	0	4	0	31	0	9	19	219
Lee, Willie, KC c f Pratt City, AL	18	42	8	12	16	2	1	0	1	1	5	0	7	11	286
McKnight, Ira, KC c	28	93	14	24	28	4	0	0	0	2	6	2	11	6	258
Mitchell, John, Bir	20	63	13	20	23	3	0	0	3	1	13	2	5	15	317
Pierce, John, KC	11	36	4	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	2	5	111
Porter, Bernard, Det	45	150	27	38	72	12	2	6	3	1	25	1	25	35	253
Presley, Lawson, 12 KC - 8 Det	20	57	6	11	15	2	1	0	3	3	7	4	9	12	193
Pride, Charles, Mem	16	31	1	7	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	7	226
Thomas, Vern, Det	22	79	21	28	42	4	5	0	0	1	18	0	13	12	354
Tidmore, Ozzie, KC	56	252	46	67	83	8	4	0	6	4	22	8	27	24	266
Townsend, Jessie, KC	14	44	2	10	15	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	4	11	227
Robinson, James, KC	56	212	32	58	71	7	3	0	6	6	46	6	16	23	274
Sanders, Bobby, Bir	34	114	20	21	43	1	3	5	0	0	25	1	15	28	184
Self, John, KC	55	228	38	68	105	9	8	4	2	5	18	0	38	47	298
Smith, Willie, Bir	15	24	3	11	16	1	2	0	2	0	1	2	9	1	458
Steele, Edward, Det	17	22	5	6	13	2	1	1	0	0	5	1	2	2	273
Strozier, Albert, Mem	31	113	15	29	39	6	2	0	1	0	4	2	15	8	257
Washington, Willie, KC	52	182	39	52	81	6	4	5	2	2	45	2	42	33	286
West, Price, Det	49	178	42	53	78	8	4	3	5	0	18	4	37	38	298

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Player and Club	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	SH	SB	BB	HBR	BBI	SO	PCT
White, William, KC	55	222	43	55	87	9	7	3	0	5	33	3	35	38	248
Wilkins, Walter, Det	34	119	15	27	33	3	0	1	1	3	8	2	11	16	227
Williams, John, Bir	31	115	30	41	63	6	2	4	0	0	11	0	27	7	357

PLAYERS IN FEWER THAN TEN GAMES

BIRMINGHAM: Bennington, Billingsley, Button, Finley, Griffin, James Gross, Willie Hill, Johnson, Willie Scruggs, Taylor Smith, Welch.

DETROIT: Baker, Sherwood Brewer, W. Calloway, Cos Case, Childress, Caldonia Costienza, Clyde Driscoll, Fleming, Marvin Higgins, R. Louis, Mance, James Mason, William Matthews, Moss, Murray, James Nolan, Normari, Chet Pondexter, Ronnie, Goose Tatum, John Winston.

KANSAS CITY: Marion Cain, Warren Carruthers, Hudson, Joseph Lewis, Reuben Lewis, Frank McCullum, Nash, Parker, Arzell Robinson, Arthur Simmons.

MEMPHIS: Beach, M. Clark, Cliff Debose, Fisher, Thomas Hayes, Jehosie Heard, Paul Jones, George McPherson, Verdene McQueen, Nichols, M. Riley, Scott, Elon Walker, S. Waller, Curtis Williams, Wright.

OFFICIAL NEGRO AMERICAN LEAGUE FIELDING RECORDS *** SEASON 1958 *** FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE *** COMPILED BY HOWE NEWS BUREAU, 30 N. LA SALLE ST., CHICAGO 2, ILL.

CLUB FIELDING

Club	G	DP	TP	PB	PO	A	E	PCT
Birmingham	34	30	0	1	856	315	41	966
Kansas City	56	56	0	1	1458	533	96	954
Detroit	48	31	0	1	1200	451	107	939
Memphis	32	23	0	2	804	274	95	919

INDIVIDUAL FIELDING (Ten or More Games)

FIRST BASEMEN

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PCT	Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PCT
Porter, Det	36	302	17	7	17	979	Self, KC	55	482	49	17	43	969
Ivory, Bir	33	259	7	7	26	974	Banks, Mem	32	237	12	9	16	965

SECOND BASEMEN

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PCT	Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PCT
Alston, Det	14	35	29	2	11	970	Gibson, Mem	32	84	63	17	15	896
Bass, Bir	33	55	79	6	22	957	Evans, Det	10	7	28	7	1	833
Tidmore, KC	56	137	153	21	32	932							

THIRD BASEMEN

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PCT	Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PCT
Griggs, Bir	30	25	46	6	8	922	Carter, Mem	12	7	15	3	0	880
Strozier, Mem	12	17	18	3	1	921	Washington, KC	52	37	61	14	7	875
Henry, Det	40	25	41	9	0	880							

SHORTSTOPS

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PCT	Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PCT
Sanders, Bir	34	49	76	7	21	947	Alston, Det	22	35	63	13	9	883
J. Robinson, KC	55	117	127	17	38	935	Wilkins, Det	28	44	57	18	9	849
Strozier, Mem	17	29	45	9	3	892	Chapman, Mem	12	20	30	11	5	820

OUTFIELDERS

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PCT	Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PCT
Williams, Bir	29	38	2	0	0	1000	King, Det	19	39	0	2	0	951
Hubbard, KC	10	20	1	0	0	1000	LaGrande, Det	35	57	6	4	2	940
Lee, KC	11	5	0	0	0	1000	Harris, Mem	28	78	4	7	2	921
Hill, Mem	27	60	1	1	0	984	Harris, Bir	31	49	1	5	0	909
Mitchell, Bir	20	41	1	1	0	977	West, Det	49	64	5	7	2	908
Thomas, Det	22	28	4	1	1	970	Brown, KC	13	8	1	1	0	900
White, KC	55	111	7	5	2	959	Jackson, Bir	20	25	1	3	0	897
Jarvis, KC	44	40	2	2	1	955	Haggins, Mem	32	48	2	6	0	893
Hair, KC	38	55	6	3	0	953							

CATCHERS

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PB	PCT	Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PB	PCT
Hamilton, Det	38	240	19	2	1	1	992	Al Jackson, KC	30	184	14	3	4	1	985
Bailey, Bir	32	235	10	2	0	1	992	Barnes, Mem	32	161	19	3	1	2	984
McKnight, KC	24	154	13	2	1	0	988	Hudson, Det	12	57	7	2	0	0	970

PITCHERS

Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PCT	Player and Club	G	PO	A	E	DP	PCT
Adams, KC	12	6	18	0	2	1000	Harris, Det	14	4	22	2	0	929
Elliott, Bir-Mem	10	2	11	0	0	1000	A.J. Jackson, KC	12	5	13	2	0	900
Smith, Bir	10	5	6	0	0	1000	Jones, Bir	11	2	13	2	0	882
Pride, Mem	12	2	16	1	0	947	Grigsby, KC	13	2	12	2	2	875
Townsend, KC	12	5	10	1	0	938							

PITCHERS' RECORDS

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LEADING QUALIFIERS FOR EARNED-RUN LEADERSHIP (50 or More Innings)																				Sh
Pitcher and Club	G	GS	CG	W	L	PCT	IP	AB	R	H	HR	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	Bk	O	ERA
Childress, Det	6	5	5	5	1	.833	53	182	13	29	0	13	1	20	55	1	1	1	0	2.21
Harris, Det	14	10	8	8	2	.800	81	291	27	59	1	21	7	27	76	4	1	0	1	2.33
W.Smith, Bir	10	3	3	6	2	.750	54	195	16	43	2	16	2	19	58	2	1	1	0	2.67
Grigsby, KC	13	6	6	7	0	1.000	75	262	30	51	3	24	10	34	60	1	0	0	1	2.88
Walker, Mem	9	7	4	3	4	.429	56	225	29	51	0	20	4	24	23	7	3	0	0	3.21
Pride, Mem	12	9	6	7	3	.700	70	267	33	70	2	27	8	23	44	6	1	0	1	3.47
Jackson, KC	12	8	6	4	4	.500	64	239	36	56	1	28	3	44	47	5	2	0	0	3.94
Adams, KC	12	10	5	4	4	.500	78	319	41	84	7	36	5	23	62	6	0	0	0	4.15
Williams, Mem	9	8	4	2	3	.400	53	211	36	53	6	27	0	42	35	3	7	0	0	4.58
Jones, Bir	11	7	4	2	4	.333	56	220	34	55	2	32	2	20	41	4	1	0	0	5.14

PITCHERS IN 15 OR MORE INNINGS -- Listed Alphabetically

Pitcher and Club	G	GS	CG	W	L	PCT	IP	AB	R	H	HR	ER	SH	BB	SO	HB	WP	Bk	O	ERA
Adams, KC	12	10	5	4	4	.500	78	319	41	84	7	36	5	23	62	6	0	0	0	4.15
Billingsley, Bir	5	4	1	1	2	.333	34	130	24	28	2	20	0	21	35	1	0	0	0	5.29
Cain, KC	5	5	5	4	1	.800	44	155	8	23	0	5	2	16	36	2	1	0	1	1.02
Childress, Det	6	5	5	5	1	.833	53	182	13	29	0	13	1	20	55	1	1	1	0	2.21
Costienza, Det	9	4	2	1	5	.167	41	170	46	57	2	38	2	22	23	2	2	0	0	8.34
Cotton, Det	9	4	0	1	3	.250	23	105	35	38	1	29	3	28	14	2	5	0	0	11.35
Driscall, Det	4	2	2	1	1	.500	23	83	15	18	0	8	1	20	13	0	1	0	0	3.13
Elliot, 8 Bir-2Mem	10	9	3	2	4	.333	53	208	39	51	2	34	1	42	40	2	0	0	0	5.77
Fleming, Det	4	3	1	1	1	.500	18	74	11	17	1	6	1	10	7	1	0	0	0	3.00
Grigsby, KC	13	6	6	7	0	1.000	75	262	30	51	3	24	10	34	60	1	0	0	1	2.88
Gross, Bir	9	3	2	4	1	.800	43	175	34	45	7	26	1	21	31	4	0	0	0	5.44
Harris, Det	14	10	8	8	2	.800	81	291	27	59	1	21	7	27	76	4	1	0	1	2.33
Jackson, KC	12	8	6	4	4	.500	64	239	36	56	1	28	3	44	47	5	2	0	0	3.94
Jones, Bir	11	7	4	2	4	.333	56	220	34	55	2	32	2	20	41	4	1	0	0	5.14
Lee, KC	7	3	1	1	2	.333	36	121	39	24	1	32	2	43	17	6	2	0	0	8.07
McCullum, KC	8	6	2	3	2	.600	46	174	35	46	2	27	8	32	24	2	0	0	0	5.28
Nance, Det	5	2	1	1	1	.500	24	108	18	31	3	14	0	4	12	3	0	0	0	5.25
Nolan, Det	8	2	1	0	2	.000	35	159	35	53	1	31	2	32	15	0	0	0	0	6.20
Pondexter, Det	9	8	2	1	3	.250	39	162	41	48	1	33	3	37	44	0	1	0	0	7.62
Pride, Mem	12	9	6	7	3	.700	70	267	33	70	2	27	8	23	44	6	1	0	1	3.47
Riley, Mem	5	1	1	2	1	.667	20	81	7	18	0	4	0	14	15	0	2	0	0	1.80
Simmons, KC	7	7	4	3	1	.750	39	150	36	47	2	29	3	40	22	1	0	0	0	6.69
T.Smith, Bir	4	1	0	1	1	.500	15	58	10	13	2	10	0	6	18	1	0	0	0	6.00
W.Smith, Bir	10	3	3	6	2	.750	54	195	16	43	2	16	2	19	58	2	1	1	0	2.67
Townsend, KC	12	12	9	4	7	.364	89	321	66	71	4	53	2	66	85	9	0	1	1	5.36
Walker, Mem	9	7	4	3	4	.429	56	225	29	51	0	20	4	24	23	7	3	0	0	3.21
Welch, Bir	7	6	0	0	4	.000	33	147	35	51	2	31	1	19	19	2	1	0	0	8.45
Williams, Mem	9	8	4	2	3	.400	53	211	36	53	6	27	0	42	35	3	7	0	0	4.58
Winston, Det	5	5	3	1	3	.250	30	120	24	35	1	19	2	12	22	2	1	0	0	5.70
Wright, Mem	2	1	1	1	0	1.000	15	54	6	9	1	3	0	6	1	0	2	0	0	1.80

NO-HIT GAME -- McCullum, Kansas City vs. Memphis, 5-2, July 4.

TIE GAMES -- Adams, 2; Grigsby, Harris, Jones, Lee, Robinson, 1 each.

PITCHERS IN FEWER THAN 15 INNINGS (Games & Won-Lost Record, If Any, in Parentheses)

BIRMINGHAM--Bennington(1-0-0), Finley(1-0-0), Hill(1-0-1), Scruggs(1-0-1).
DETROIT --Calloway(3-1-2), Matthews(1-0-1), Murray(2-0-1), Norman(1-0-0), Steele(1-0-0)
KANSAS CITY--Lewis(1-0-1), Nash(2-0-2), Robinson (1-0-0).
MEMPHIS --Clark(1-0-0), Heard(2-0-0), Jones(2-0-1), McQueen(3-1-1), Strozier(1-0-1).

STANDING OF CLUBS AT CLOSE OF SEASON

	W	L	T	PCT	GB		W	L	T	PCT	GB
Kansas City	30	24	2	.556	--	Detroit	21	26	1	.447	5½
Memphis	18	15	1	.545	1½	Birmingham	15	19	0	.441	5

OFFICIAL NEGRO AMERICAN LEAGUE Lead:

John Williams of Birmingham captured the 1958 batting championship in the Negro American League with a .357 average, according to official records compiled by the Howe News Bureau from score sheets received at its office. Harold Hair of Kansas City placed second with a mark of .355 while teammate John Self and Price West of Detroit tied for third, each with .298.

Bernie Porter of Detroit won the home run championship with six round-trippers to his credit and also led in doubles with 12. Self paced the league in hits with 68, triples with eight, and total bases with 105. He also held the dubious honor of striking out the most times, 47.

Kansas City's Willie Washington batted in the most runs, 42, while teammate Ozzie Tidmore scored the most markers, 46, and was hit by pitched ball the most times, eight. Lonnie Harris of Memphis stole the most bases, 16.

John Childress of Detroit topped the pitchers with an earned run average of 2.21. Aubrey Grigsby of Kansas City was high percentage-wise with a 1.000 figure, having won seven games while losing none. Willie Harris of Detroit won the most games, eight. Jesse Townsend of Kansas City pitched the most innings, 89, hurled the most complete games, nine, struck out the most batters, 85, and issued the most bases on balls, 66.

Pennant-winning Kansas City led in club batting with a .267 average while Birmingham was tops in club fielding with a .966 mark.