

Negro National League Standings (1920-1948)

It was common practice for the teams in the league to all play a different number of games during the season.

Standings are presented based on winning percentage for the entire season.

1920	Games	Record	Pct.
Chicago American Giants	45	32-13	.711
Detroit Stars	58	35-23	.603
Kansas City Monarchs	70	41-29	.586
Indianapolis ABCs	74	39-35	.527
Cuban Stars	45	21-24	.467
St. Louis Giants	57	25-32	.439
Dayton Marcos	26	8-18	.308
Chicago Giants	28	4-24	.143

The Bacharach Giants were an Associate Member of the “league” in 1920. Rube Foster’s Chicago American Giants won the inaugural Negro National League title. There was no Play-Off Series.

1921	Games	Record	Pct.
Chicago American Giants	64	42-22	.656
Kansas City Monarchs	81	50-31	.617
St. Louis Giants	68	40-28	.588
Detroit Stars	64	32-32	.500
Indianapolis ABCs	73	35-38	.479
Cincinnati Cubans	68	29-39	.426
Columbus Buckeyes	63	25-38	.397
Chicago Giants	42	10-32	.238
Bacharach Giants (Associate Member)	45	26-19	.578

The Chicago American Giants repeated as Negro National League champions.

1922	Games	Record	Pct.
Chicago American Giants	59	36-23	.610
Indianapolis ABCs	79	46-33	.582
Kansas City Monarchs	79	46-33	.582
St. Louis Stars	61	35-26	.574
Detroit Stars	75	43-32	.573
Pittsburgh Keystones	37	16-21	.432
Cuban Stars	50	19-31	.380
Cleveland Tate Stars	46	17-29	.370
Bacharach Giants of New York (Associate Member)	14	5-9	.357

The Chicago American Giants won their third Negro National League title in a row. The Chicago American Giants met the Atlantic City Bacharach Giants in a five game championship series after the regular season. Chicago defeated Atlantic City 3 games to 2.

1923	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	90	57-33	.633
Chicago American Giants	70	41-29	.586
Detroit Stars	70	41-29	.586
Indianapolis ABCs	79	45-34	.570
Cuban Stars (West)	58	27-31	.466
Toledo Tigers	26	11-15	.423
St. Louis Stars	65	25-40	.385
Milwaukee Bears	46	14-32	.304
Cleveland Tate Stars	No records		
Memphis Red Sox (Associate Member)	19	13-6	.684
Birmingham Black Barons (Associate Member)	38	15-23	.395

The Toledo Tigers disbanded in July and the Milwaukee Bears dropped out of the league late in the season. The Cleveland Stars replaced the Toledo Tigers and Milwaukee Bears in the league.

The Kansas City Monarchs dethroned the Chicago American Giants to win the Negro National League crown.

1924	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	77	55-22	.714
Chicago American Giants	73	49-24	.671
Detroit Stars	66	37-29	.561
St. Louis Stars	76	42-34	.553
Memphis Red Sox	66	29-37	.439
Birmingham Black Barons	78	34-44	.436
Cuban Stars (West)	49	16-33	.327
Cleveland Browns	49	15-34	.306
Indianapolis ABCs	19	3-16	.158

The Indianapolis ABCs dropped out of the league in the first half of the season. They were replaced by the Memphis Red Sox.

The Kansas City won their second straight Negro National League title. The Monarchs then beat Hilldale (Eastern Colored League champions) 5 games to 4 in the first ever Negro League World Series.

1925	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	85	62-23	.729
St. Louis Stars	98	71-27	.724
Detroit Stars	98	57-41	.582
Chicago American Giants	94	54-40	.574
Cuban Stars (West)	47	22-25	.468
Memphis Red Sox	78	30-48	.385
Birmingham Black Barons	73	24-49	.329
Indianapolis ABCs	74	17-57	.230

The Kansas City Monarchs won the first half of the season and the St. Louis Stars won the second half. Kansas City defeated St. Louis in a play-off series 4 games to 3. Kansas City was defeated by Hilldale (Eastern Colored League) in the Negro League World Series. Hilldale won five games and Kansas City could only manage one victory.

1926	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	78	57-21	.731
Chicago American Giants	80	57-23	.713
St. Louis Stars	79	49-30	.620
Detroit Stars	92	50-42	.543
Indianapolis ABCs	88	43-45	.489
Cuban Stars (West)	66	19-47	.288
Dayton Marcos	44	7-37	.159
Cleveland Elite Giants	48	7-41	.146

The Chicago American Giants defeated the Kansas City Monarchs 5 games to 4 in a Play-Off Series to claim the Negro National League title. Chicago then beat the Atlantic City Bacharach Giants (Eastern Colored League) 5 games to 4 to win the Negro League World Series.

1927	Games	Record	Pct.
Chicago American Giants	93	63-30	.677
Kansas City Monarchs	83	54-29	.651
St. Louis Stars	101	62-39	.614
Birmingham Black Barons	98	55-43	.561
Detroit Stars	99	53-46	.535
Cleveland Hornets	53	16-37	.302
Cuban Stars (West)	61	18-43	.295
Memphis Red Sox	100	27-73	.270

The Chicago American Giants defeated the Birmingham Black Barons (winners of the second half of the season) in a Play-Off Series by winning four games to none for Birmingham to win the Negro National League championship.

The Chicago American Giants then beat the Atlantic City Bacharach Giants (Eastern Colored League) 5 games to 3 to win the Negro League World Series.

1928	Games	Record	Pct.
St. Louis Stars	92	66-26	.717
Kansas City Monarchs	81	50-31	.617
Detroit Stars	91	54-37	.593
Chicago American Giants	91	54-37	.593
Birmingham Black Barons	98	44-54	.449
Memphis Red Sox	78	30-48	.385
Cleveland Tigers	72	19-53	.264
Cuban Stars (West)	49	12-37	.245

The St. Louis Stars (winners of the first half of the season) defeated the Chicago American Giants (winners of the second half of the season) in a Play-Off Series by winning five games to four for Chicago to win the Negro National League title. There was no Negro League World Series.

1929	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	79	62-17	.785
St. Louis Stars	92	59-33	.641
Chicago American Giants	89	49-40	.551
Detroit Stars	80	38-42	.475
Cuban Stars (West)	44	18-26	.409
Birmingham Black Barons	80	29-51	.363
Memphis Red Sox	63	19-44	.302
Nashville Elite Giants (Associate Member)	30	10-20	.333

The Kansas City Monarchs compiled an unbelievable 34-6 (.850) record for the second half of the season. The Monarchs also won the first half of the season to claim the Negro National League title outright. No Negro League World Series was held between the winners of the Negro National League (NNL) and the American Negro League (ANL).

1930	Games	Record	Pct.
St. Louis Stars	88	66-22	.750
Detroit Stars	83	50-33	.602
Kansas City Monarchs	65	39-26	.600
Birmingham Black Barons	93	44-49	.473
Chicago American Giants	100	47-53	.470
Memphis Red Sox	74	29-45	.392
Cuban Stars (West)	60	23-37	.383
Nashville Elite Giants	75	21-54	.280
Louisville White Caps (Associate Member)	41	14-27	.341

The St. Louis Stars defeated the Detroit Stars four games to three in a Play-Off Series to win the title. There was no Negro League World Series.

1931	Games	Record	Pct.
St. Louis Stars	56	45-11	.804
Cleveland Cubs	53	29-24	.547
Louisville White Sox	49	26-23	.531
Detroit Stars	68	32-36	.471
Indianapolis ABCs	65	30-35	.462

The Birmingham Black Barons, Columbia American Giants (10-11), Columbus Blue Birds, Cuban House of David (7-23) and Kansas City Monarchs (12-7) were all Associate Members of the Negro National League during the 1931 season. The St. Louis Stars won both halves of the season to claim the league title by an astounding 14 ½ games.

1932 There was no Negro National League in 1932. It was reorganized for the 1933 season.

1933	Games	Record	Pct.
Cole's American Giants	51	37-14	.725
Pittsburgh Crawfords	55	38-17	.691
Nashville Elite Giants	49	27-22	.551
Homestead Grays	20	11-9	.550
Baltimore Black Sox	22	11-11	.500
Detroit Stars	49	19-30	.388
Columbus Blue Birds	42	16-26	.381
Akron Tyrites	11	2-9	.182
Cleveland Giants	16	2-14	.125

The Birmingham Black Barons (2-2), Brooklyn Royal Giants, Philadelphia Stars (14-8) and Newark Dodgers (12-9) were all Associate Members of the Negro National League. The Homestead Grays were expelled from the league during the summer for using a player who was under contract with another team. The Cleveland Giants entered league play in August with players from not only their original Cleveland Giants team but also players they picked up from Akron and Columbus who had already dropped out of the league and disbanded.

At the end of the regular season Negro National League President, Gus Greenlee, who also owned the Pittsburgh Crawfords awarded the pennant to his team.

1934	Games	Record	Pct.
Philadelphia Stars	38	25-13	.658
Chicago American Giants	43	28-15	.651
Pittsburgh Crawfords	50	31-19	.620
Nashville Elite Giants	35	17-18	.486
Newark Dodgers	25	11-14	.440
Atlantic City Bacharach Giants	15	3-12	.200
Baltimore Black Sox	7	1-6	.143
Cleveland Red Sox	29	4-25	.138

The Birmingham Black Barons (2-6), Homestead Grays (32-34) and New York Black Yankees (2-10) were all Associate Members of the league. The Philadelphia Stars (winners of the first half of the season) defeated the Chicago American Giants (winners of the second half of the season) four games to three in the Play-Off Series.

1935	Games	Record	Pct.
Pittsburgh Crawfords	57	42-15	.737
Columbus Elite Giants	49	28-21	.571
New York Cubans	53	29-24	.547
Philadelphia Stars	57	29-28	.509
Brooklyn Eagles	61	29-32	.475
Homestead Grays	54	23-31	.426
Cole's Chicago American Giants	57	22-35	.386
Newark Dodgers	59	17-42	.288

The Pittsburgh Crawfords defeated the New York Cubans in the Negro National League Play-Off Series to win the Negro National League championship. The Crawfords won four games and the Cubans won three.

1936	Games	Record	Pct.
Pittsburgh Crawfords	60	36-24	.600
Newark Eagles	59	30-29	.508
New York Cubans	45	22-23	.489
Washington Elite Giants	45	21-24	.467
Philadelphia Stars	55	25-30	.455
Homestead Grays	49	22-27	.449
New York Black Yankees	21	7-14	.333

The Washington Elite Giants (14-10) won the first half of the season and then collapsed in the second half. The Pittsburgh Crawfords (20-9) won the second half of the 1936 season. There were no play-offs at the end of the season.

1937	Games	Record	Pct.
Homestead Grays	44	31-13	.705
Newark Eagles	40	26-14	.650
Washington Elite Giants	44	27-17	.614
Philadelphia Stars	52	25-27	.481
Pittsburgh Crawfords	28	12-16	.429
New York Black Yankees	28	11-17	.393

The Homestead Grays won both halves of the season to claim the Negro National League title.

A combined Negro National League team from the Homestead Grays and Newark Eagles beat a combined Negro American League squad from the Chicago American Giants and Kansas City Monarchs 4 games to 1 to win the Negro League World Series.

1938	Games	Record	Pct.
Homestead Grays	37	27-10	.730
Baltimore Elite Giants	32	23-9	.719
Newark Eagles	45	28-17	.622
Pittsburgh Crawfords	40	24-16	.600
Philadelphia Stars	54	30-24	.556
New York Black Yankees	25	7-18	.280
Washington Black Senators	15	2-13	.133

The Homestead Grays won both halves of the season and were crowned Negro National League champions. No Negro League World Series was played.

1939	Games	Record	Pct.
Homestead Grays	47	33-14	.702
Newark Eagles	49	29-20	.592
Baltimore Elite Giants	46	25-21	.543
Philadelphia Stars	63	31-32	.492
New York Black Yankees	36	15-21	.417
New York Cubans	27	5-22	.185

The Homestead Grays won both halves of the Negro National League season in 1939.

After the regular season, a four team play-off was held. The Homestead Grays beat the Philadelphia Stars in the first series. The Baltimore Elite Giants defeated the Newark Eagles. In the championship series, Baltimore defeated Homestead three games to one (one game ended in a tie) to claim the title.

1940	Games	Record	Pct.
Homestead Grays	55	42-13	.764
Baltimore Elite Giants	84	54-30	.643
Newark Eagles	54	32-22	.593
New York Cubans	37	16-21	.432
Philadelphia Stars	74	30-44	.405
New York Black Yankees	33	10-23	.303

The Homestead Grays won both halves of the regular season. No Negro League World Series was played.

1941	Games	Record	Pct.
Baltimore Elite Giants	57	36-21	.632
Homestead Grays	59	34-25	.576
Newark Eagles	34	19-15	.559
New York Cubans	40	19-21	.475
New York Black Yankees	32	13-19	.406
Philadelphia Stars	42	13-29	.310

The Homestead Grays (winners of the first half of the season) defeated the New York Cubans (winners of the second half of the season) three games to one for the Negro National League title.

1942	Games	Record	Pct.
Baltimore Elite Giants	52	37-15	.712
Homestead Grays	43	26-17	.605
Philadelphia Stars	38	21-17	.553
Newark Eagles	36	19-17	.528
New York Cubans	27	8-19	.296
New York Black Yankees	28	8-20	.286

Homestead won both halves of the season even though the Baltimore Elite Giants had a better won-loss record for the entire season.

Homestead played the Kansas City Monarchs (Negro American League) in the Negro League World Series. The Monarchs won the World Series 4 games to 1.

1943	Games	Record	Pct.
Homestead Grays	59	44-15	.746
New York Cubans	39	23-16	.590
Harrisburg-St. Louis Stars	9	5-4	.556
Newark Eagles	39	19-20	.487
Philadelphia Stars	54	26-28	.481
Baltimore Elite Giants	43	17-26	.395
New York Yankees	23	2-21	.087

The Harrisburg-St. Louis Stars dropped out of the league during the season to barnstorm with the Dizzy Dean All Stars.

The Homestead Grays won both halves of the season. The Grays then beat the Birmingham Black Barons (Negro American League) 4 games to 3 to win the Negro League World Series title.

1944	Games	Record	Pct.
Homestead Grays	40	27-13	.675
Baltimore Elite Giants	48	27-21	.563
Philadelphia Stars	39	21-18	.538
New York Cubans	34	18-16	.529
Newark Eagles	46	21-25	.457
New York Black Yankees	32	4-28	.125

The Homestead Grays easily won both halves of the season and were crowned the Negro National League champions. Homestead then beat the Birmingham Black Barons in the Negro League World Series for the second year in a row. The Grays won four games to one game for the Black Barons.

1945	Games	Record	Pct.
Homestead Grays	45	32-13	.711
Baltimore Elite Giants	42	25-17	.595
Newark Eagles	38	21-18	.538
Philadelphia Stars	40	21-19	.525
New York Cubans	26	7-20	.259
New York Black Yankees	33	7-26	.212

The Homestead Grays won the Negro National League title. Homestead then lost to the Cleveland Buckeyes (Negro American League) in four straight games in the Negro League World Series.

1946	Games	Record	Pct.
Newark Eagles	63	47-16	.746
New York Cubans	49	28-21	.571
Homestead Grays	55	27-28	.491
Philadelphia Stars	56	27-29	.482
Baltimore Elite Giants	59	28-31	.475
New York Black Yankees	48	8-40	.167

The Newark Eagles won both halves of the Negro National League season to win the title outright. The Eagles then beat the Kansas City Monarchs 4 games to 3 to win the Negro League World Series title.

1947	Games	Record	Pct.
New York Cubans	60	42-18	.700
Newark Eagles	83	46-37	.554
Baltimore Elite Giants	76	40-36	.526
Homestead Grays	66	32-34	.485
Philadelphia Stars	57	26-31	.456
New York Black Yankees	50	10-40	.200

The Newark Eagles won the first half of the season, but took a nose dive when Larry Doby was signed by the Cleveland Indians (MLBB). New York Cubans were awarded the Negro National League pennant because they were believed to have the best overall record for the entire season. No playoff series was held.

The New York Cubans defeated the Cleveland Buckeyes (Negro American League champions) 4 games to 1 in the Negro League World Series.

1948	Games	Record	Pct.
Homestead Grays	60	41-19	.683
Baltimore Elite Giants	70	45-25	.643
Newark Eagles	56	29-27	.518
Philadelphia Stars	56	27-29	.482
New York Cubans	43	16-27	.372
New York Black Yankees	47	8-39	.170

The Baltimore Elite Giants were declared the winners of the first half of the season and the Homestead Grays were declared winners of the second half. The Homestead Grays defeated the Baltimore Elite Giants 3 games to 0 in a Play-Off Series to claim the Negro National League title.

The Homestead Grays defeated the Birmingham Black Barons (Negro American League champions) 4 games to 1 to win the last Negro League World Series.

1949 The Negro National League was disbanded prior to the start of the 1949 baseball season.

Prior to the start of the 1949 season, the Negro American League expanded to an Eastern and Western Division. The Baltimore Elite Giants, Philadelphia Stars and New York Cubans joined the Eastern Division of the Negro American League. The Newark Eagles were sold and moved to Houston where they played in the Western Division of the Negro American League. The Homestead Grays joined the Negro American Association and barnstormed. The New York Black Yankees played an independent schedule.

