

Negro National League (1939)

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Wright Gains NNL Batting Crown

Besides being the fastest man in the league, Bill Wright, the sensational outfielder of the Baltimore Elite Giants, is also the best batter, according to statistics released Monday by Cum Posey, league secretary.

At the close of the season, last week, Wright had an average of .488, forty-eight points better than the much-publicized Josh Gibson, who was in second place. Gibson, home-run slugger of the Homestead Grays, had an average of .440.

Four Above .400

Two other players, Pat Patterson of the Philadelphia Stars, and Bill Curry of the Black Yankees were clouting the old apple above the .400 clip. Patterson was in third place with a .404 average, while Curry was hitting at even .400.

Wright was only three hits behind Gibson in the total number of his column, although he had played in three less games, and was 15 times behind in the number of times at bat. The Elite outfielder amassed 49 hits in 101 times at bat for his average, while Gibson got 51 in 116 tries.



BILL WRIGHT

The complete averages are:

PLAYER	AB	H	G	BA
H. Wright—Elites	101	49	28	.488
Gibson—Grays	116	51	31	.440
Patterson—Ph'ly S.	141	57	33	.404
Curry—B. Yanks	70	28	19	.400
Pogue—Cubans	58	15	16	.388
Bankhead—Grays	159	60	40	.378
J. Wilson—Philly S.	93	35	29	.373
Stone—Newark	124	45	32	.363
Leonard—Grays	135	49	39	.363
Rodriguez—Cubans	61	22	16	.361
Wells—Newark	137	47	32	.343
Hoskins—Elites	100	33	28	.330
F. Wilson—Newark	107	35	32	.327
Suttles—Newark	117	38	32	.325
Brown—Grays	91	29	27	.316
Spearman—Grays	143	45	39	.315
Spearman—Philly S.	85	26	32	.305
Brooks—B. Y.	59	18	18	.305
Parnell—Philly S.	125	38	34	.304
Snow—Elites	113	34	29	.301
Benson—Philly S.	160	50	47	.298
C. Harris—Philly S.	173	51	41	.295
Lopez—Cubans	64	19	17	.295
C. Wms.—Philly S.	179	52	44	.290
Kumbro—Elites	112	33	29	.287
Hughes—Elites	95	27	25	.284
Valdez—Cubans	61	17	16	.278
Whatley—Grays	137	39	34	.277
Dunn—Philly S.	159	44	43	.276
M'key—New'k & B. E.	99	27	27	.272
Benjamin—Grays	113	34	29	.270
Washington—B. Y.	86	22	19	.267
Parker—Grays	53	14	19	.264
Harris—Grays	109	28	24	.257
Pms—Ph'ly S. & B. Y.	67	17	22	.254
Campbell—B. Y.	81	20	19	.246
Scales—B. Y.	51	12	15	.239
West—B. Elites & Philly S.	73	17	22	.233
Burgin—B. Y.	42	9	17	.214
Vargus—Cubans	66	14	19	.212
Walker—Elites	57	12	17	.211
Catabello—Cubans	74	15	19	.203
Pearson—Newark	110	21	30	.191
Miler—B. Y.	58	10	16	.172
Seay—Newark	119	19	31	.160