

Negro National League (1940)

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Tom Butts's .391 Tops National League Batters

Thumping Tommy Butts, diminutive shortstop of the Baltimore Elite Giants, whose big bat has been a potent factor in the Elites' strong bid for retention of the league championship in the past month, leads the National League batters, according to figures released by the league secretary, Cum Posey, this week.

Butts, with a healthy average of .391, tops the mighty Buck Leonard, home-run king of the Washington Homestead Grays, who is in second place with .376.

The averages of those hitting over .300 are:

BATTING AVERAGES				
	G	AB	H	AV.
Butts (B)	24	83	33	.391
Leonard (G)	23	83	31	.376
McHenry (P.S.)	28	58	21	.362
Wilson (G)	21	37	13	.351
Coimbre (C)	21	86	30	.349
Whatley (G)	23	91	31	.340
Washington (B.Y.)	31	77	29	.339
Mathews (N)	31	95	32	.336
Snow (B)	23	78	26	.333
West (P.S.)	33	117	39	.333
Campinella (B)	15	33	11	.333
Scales (B)	22	67	22	.328
Israel (N)	24	84	25	.324
Clarkson (N)	15	59	19	.322
Bea (P)	31	101	32	.317
Irvin (N)	33	114	38	.316
Benson (P)	31	108	34	.315
Parnell (P)	30	95	29	.305
Biot (B.Y.)	30	89	26	.305
Jordan (P)	16	66	20	.303