

East-West League (1932)

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.

1932	Games	Record	Pct.
Baltimore Black Sox	29	20-9	.690
Detroit Wolves	42	29-13	.690
Homestead Grays	48	29-19	.604
Cuban Stars	27	12-15	.444
Washington Pilots	31	13-18	.419
Hilldale (Darby)	27	10-17	.370
Cleveland Stars	24	8-16	.333
Newark Browns	17	3-14	.176
New York Black Yankees (Associate Member)	25	14-11	.560
Pittsburg Crawfords (Associate Member)	58	32-26	.552

By the early summer the East-West League was experiencing significant problems. In early June of 1932 the team owners met at the Christian Street Y.M.C.A. in Philadelphia to devise a plan to save the "league." In an article that appeared in the Afro-American on June 11th, the author of the article summed up the condition of the East-West League as follows:

"only radical changes would permit any of the clubs to continue because of adverse business conditions and financial reversals."

In response to these problems the following changes were announced by team owners.

1. Salaries were slashed by every team. Cleveland even went one step further and their players received no salary. The Cleveland ball players played on a percentage of the money collected at the gate.
2. The "league" schedule was revised.
3. Umpires were released from their contracts. Umpires had been on a salaried basis where they received a monthly salary. For the rest of the season umpires were paid by the game.
4. Owners reduced overhead and operating expenses.

In addition the following team changes were made.

1. The Cuban Stars withdrew from the "league."
2. The Pittsburgh Crawfords entered the "league."
3. The Detroit Wolves and Homestead Grays merged to form one team that played under the Homestead Grays name.

The Baltimore Black Sox were declared the winner at the end of the season.

The East-West League only lasted one season.