

## Negro American Association (1939 and 1948-1949)

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.

| <b>1939</b>             | <b>Games</b> | <b>Record</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Richmond Hilldales      | 10           | 7-3           | .700        |
| Baltimore Black Sox     | 12           | 6-6           | .500        |
| Philadelphia Meteors    | 8            | 4-4           | .500        |
| Greensboro Redwings     | 6            | 3-3           | .500        |
| Winston-Salem Giants    | 6            | 2-4           | .333        |
| High Point (NC) Red Sox | 3            | 0-3           | .000        |

(Standings as of 6-17-39 as reported in Afro American)

John H. Griner was the President of the NAA and was also the owner of the Baltimore Black Sox. Laymon Yokely was the manager of the Baltimore Black Sox and Otto Briggs managed the Philadelphia Meteors.

| <b>1948</b>               | <b>Games</b> | <b>Record</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| Raleigh Tigers            | 37           | 25-12         | .676        |
| Asheville Blues           | 28           | 18-10         | .643        |
| Norfolk-Newport News      | 21           | 13-8          | .619        |
| Richmond Giants           | 18           | 11-7          | .611        |
| Greensboro Red Wings      | 22           | 13-9          | .591        |
| Atlanta Black Crackers    | 22           | 11-11         | .500        |
| Jacksonville Eagles       | 11           | 3-8           | .273        |
| Winston-Salem Pond Giants | 22           | 6-16          | .273        |
| Orangeburg (SC)           | 12           | 3-9           | .250        |
| Durham Eagles             | 21           | 4-17          | .190        |

The Baltimore Panthers and Danville All Stars also had teams that started the season but dropped out before the end of the season.

In September, the Raleigh Tigers met the Asheville Blues in a Play-Off for the 1948 Negro American Association title. Raleigh defeated Asheville four games to two to take the league championship. The series scores were as follows:

|           |    |           |   |
|-----------|----|-----------|---|
| Raleigh   | 17 | Asheville | 0 |
| Raleigh   | 6  | Asheville | 2 |
| Raleigh   | 16 | Asheville | 8 |
| Asheville | 8  | Raleigh   | 6 |
| Asheville | 7  | Raleigh   | 2 |
| Raleigh   | 7  | Asheville | 1 |

| <b>1949</b>               | <b>Games</b> | <b>Record</b> | <b>Pct.</b> |                               |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Homestead Grays           | 26           | 24-2          | .923        | (First half of season record) |
| Asheville Blues           |              |               |             |                               |
| Charlotte Blues           |              |               |             |                               |
| Durham Eagles             |              |               |             |                               |
| Greensboro Red Wings      |              |               |             |                               |
| Norfolk-Newport News      |              |               |             |                               |
| Raleigh Tigers            |              |               |             |                               |
| Richmond Giants           | 33           | 29-4          | .879        | (second half of season)       |
| Winston Salem Pond Giants |              |               |             |                               |

John M. Moore – President of NAA

Danville withdrew its application for membership

Jacksonville Eagles were an associate member

The Homestead Grays thoroughly dominated the league. They won the first half of the season with a 24-2 (.923) record. Standings for the second half of the season were not published.

The Homestead Grays (winners of the first half of the season) played the Richmond Giants (winners of the second half of the season ) in a “championship series.” Homestead won the series four games to one and were declared the Negro American Association (NAA) champions for the 1949 season.