

Negro Southern League (1920)

This was the inaugural year of the Negro Southern League.

Newspaper accounts differ in the final standings of the teams that played in the Negro Southern League in 1920. Part of the difference in records reported by Southern newspapers revolved around whether or not certain forfeited games were counted or not counted in a team's overall won-loss record.

On September 11, 1920 The Chicago Defender reported the following Negro Southern League standings:

1920	Games	Record	Pct.
Knoxville Giants	76	55-21	.724
Montgomery Grey Sox	86	47-39	.547
Atlanta Black Crackers	84	45-39	.536
Birmingham Black Barons	82	43-39	.524
New Orleans Caulfield Ads	82	43-39	.524
Nashville White Sox	80	40-40	.500
Jacksonville Stars	44	18-26	.409

For some explained reason, the Pensacola Giants were left out of the standings. Speculation is that it was a dropped line of type when the newspaper was put together for printing.

On September 12, 1920, the Alabama Journal of Montgomery (AL) reported the following Negro Southern League standings:

1920	Games	Record	Pct.
Montgomery Grey Sox	98	48-40	.545
Knoxville Giants	64	34-30	.531
New Orleans Caulfield Ads	83	44-39	.530
Birmingham Black Barons	82	43-39	.524
Atlanta Black Crackers	89	45-44	.505
Nashville White Sox	80	40-40	.500
Pensacola Giants	83	40-43	.482
Jacksonville Stars	44	18-26	.409

It is important to note that the Memphis Red Sox 27-20 (.730), Chattanooga 11-19 (.367) and Louisville 5-24 (.172) were all frequent opponents of the Negro Southern League teams.

Negro Southern League (1921)

1921	Games	Record	Pct.
Nashville Elite Giants	118	72-46	.610
Montgomery Grey Sox	119	69-50	.580
New Orleans Caulfield Ads	116	66-50	.569
Birmingham Black Barons	117	61-56	.521
Atlanta Black Crackers	118	61-57	.517
Memphis Red Sox	121	52-69	.430
Chattanooga Tigers	115	49-66	.426
Knoxville Giants	122	43-79	.353

The Bessemer Stars, Gadsen Giants/Tigers and Mobile Braves also played briefly in the 1921 Negro Southern League, but all three of these teams failed to complete the season. Their records were therefore not counted in the final "league" standings.

Negro Southern League Play-Off Series (1921)

The Nashville White Sox defeated the Montgomery Grey Sox four games to one in a Play-Off Series. The White Sox won the games their four games by the scores 2-1, 3-2, 2-1 and 3-1 to claim the 1921 Negro Southern League championship title.

Negro Southern League (1922)

The following Negro Southern League standings were reported in the Nashville Banner (Nashville, TN) on July 30, 1922.

1922	Games	Record	Pct.
Nashville Elite Giants	71	47-24	.662
Knoxville Giants	71	44-27	.620
Memphis Red Sox	69	42-27	.609
New Orleans Crescent Stars	69	39-30	.565
Louisville Stars (White Sox)	69	37-32	.536
Chattanooga Tigers	69	35-34	.507
Montgomery Grey Sox	67	29-38	.433
Birmingham Black Barons	70	29-41	.414

Note :

1. Fred Caulfield's New Orleans Caulfield Ads started the season, but dropped out in early June. They were replaced by the New Orleans Crescent Stars.
2. There is a wide unexplained discrepancy between the number of games won (302) and the number of games lost (253).

Negro Southern League (1923)

Prior to the start of the 1923 Negro Southern League season, team owners met in Birmingham (AL) on April 2nd and elected the following "league" officers:

Officer	Team	Position
J.T. Settles	Memphis	President
Joe Rush	Birmingham	Treasurer
W.C. Marine	New Orleans	Secretary

The following standings are for the first half of the season only. They were compiled through the research of William J. Plott and presented in his book The Negro Southern League A Baseball History, 1920-1951.

1923	Games	Record	Pct.
Birmingham Black Barons	32	24-8	.750
Memphis Red Sox	31	15-16	.488
New Orleans Crescent Stars	18	5-13	.278
Nashville Elite Giants	7	0-7	.000

Notes:

1. The Birmingham News reported before the start of the season that Chattanooga and Mobile were also going to field teams in the Negro Southern League for the 1923 season and that two more unidentified teams would also join the "league" before the start of the season. No primary source documentation has yet to be found to support that Chattanooga Tigers or Mobile actually played in the Negro Southern League when the season got underway.
2. The won-loss records and standings presented above are for the first half of the season only.
3. In July of 1923 Birmingham and Memphis left the Negro Southern League and joined the Negro National League. This brought an abrupt end to the 1923 Negro Southern League season.

Negro National League (1923)

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 38 (Associate Member)		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.

Negro National League (1924)

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.

Negro National League (1925)

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 then defeated Hilldale (Eastern Colored League) in the Negro League World Series. The Monarchs won five games and Hilldale could only manage one victory.

Negro Southern League (1926)

Prior to the start of the 1926 baseball season, the Birmingham Black Barons dropped out of the Negro National League. This paved the way for a reorganization of the Negro Southern League.

Standings - First Half of 1926 Season

1926	Games	Record	Pct.
Birmingham Black Barons	27	21-6	.778
Albany Giants	32	19-13	.594
New Orleans Caulfield Ads (Black Pelicans)	34	19-15	.559
Memphis Red Sox	33	17-16	.515
Nashville Elite Giants	26	11-15	.423
Montgomery Grey Sox	28	11-17	.393
Atlanta Black Crackers (Cubs)	27	10-17	.370
Chattanooga White Sox	29	10-19	.345

- First half of Negro Southern League season standings as reported in the Chicago Defender on 07-03-26.

Standings - Second Half of 1926 Season

1926	Games	Record	Pct.
Memphis Red Sox	34	27-7	.794
New Orleans Caulfield Ads	34	24-10	.729
Birmingham Black Barons	29	18-11	.621
Albany Giants	34	17-17	.500
Chattanooga Black Lookouts	35	16-19	.457
Nashville Elite Giants	36	15-21	.417
Montgomery Grey Sox	34	11-23	.324
Atlanta Black Crackers	34	7-27	.206

Negro Southern League Play-Off Series (1926)

The Birmingham Black Barons won the first half of the season and the Memphis Red Sox won the second half. Birmingham beat Memphis in a Play-Off Series 5 games to 2 (three games ended in a tie) for the Negro Southern League title.

Negro National League (1927)

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.

Negro National League (1928)

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.

Negro National League (1929)

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	30	10-20	.333
(Associate Member)			

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).

Negro National League (1930)

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.

Negro Southern League (1931)

After four years in the Negro National League, the Birmingham Black Barons and Memphis Red Sox returned home to help reorganize the Negro Southern League. Birmingham and Memphis were joined by the Nashville Elite Giants who had played the two previous seasons in the Negro National League.

An organizational meeting for the "new" Negro Southern League was held in Montgomery (AL) in early March of 1931. At the meeting the following officers were elected.

Officer	Team	Position
R.T. Jackson	Birmingham Black Barons	President
Dr. R.B. Jackson	Nashville Elite Giants	Vice-President
Joe Vaughn	Chattanooga Black lookouts	Secretary
Thomas T. Wilson	Nashville Elite Giants	Treasurer

The following Negro Southern League standings were published in the Nashville Banner on July 8th and the Pittsburgh Courier on July 18th. They are not to be considered the final standings for the season.

1931	Games	Record	Pct.
Nashville Elite Giants	33	22-11	.667
Memphis Red Sox	42	26-16	.619
Birmingham Black Barons	39	20-19	.513
Chattanooga Black Lookouts	39	17-22	.436
Montgomery Grey Sox	36	14-22	.389
Knoxville Giants	30	11-19	.367

Notes:

1. The Atlanta Panthers played in the Negro Southern League during the second half of the season.
2. The Little Rock Black Travelers also played briefly in the Negro Southern League during the 1931 season.
3. A few days after the conclusion of the Negro Dixie Series, the Memphis Red Sox and Montgomery Grey Sox played a Negro Southern league Play-Off Series. Each team won three games.

Negro Dixie Series (1931)

The Nashville Elite Giants who ended the season as the 1931 Negro Southern League champion played the Monroe Monarchs who were the Texas-Louisiana League champion. Monroe won the series.

Negro Southern League (1932)

When the Negro National League folded prior to the start of the 1932 baseball season, this left by default the Negro Southern League as the only "Major League" of Negro League baseball. The officers for the 1932 Negro Southern League season were:

Officer	Team	Position
Dr. R.B. Jackson	Nashville Elite Giants	President
Robert Cole	Chicago American Giants	Vice President
L.S.N. Cobb	Birmingham Black Barons	Secretary
Thomas T. Wilson	Nashville Elite Giants	Treasurer

The following standings are for the first half of the 1932 season only.

1932	Games	Record	Pct.
Cole's Chicago American Giants	41	34-7	.829
Monroe Monarchs	40	33-7	.825
Nashville Elite Giants	39	24-15	.615
Montgomery Grey Sox	40	22-18	.550
Memphis Red Sox	46	24-22	.522
Little Rock Black Travelers (Grays)	6	3-3	.500
Louisville Black Caps	30	13-17	.433
Indianapolis ABCs	33	14-19	.424
Birmingham Black Barons	19	8-11	.421
Atlanta Black Crackers	8	1-7	.125
Cleveland Cubs	5	0-5	.000
Columbus Turfs (Turf Stars)	No records found		
Kansas City Monarchs (Associate Member)	14	9-5	.643

Notes:

1. This is the only year that the Negro Southern League was considered a "Major Negro League."
2. The Birmingham Black Barons didn't even finish the first half of the season before they dropped out of the "league." They were replaced by the Lexington Hard Hitters.
3. The Louisville Black Caps dropped out the league about midseason and were replaced by the Columbus Turfs.
4. The Alcoa Aluminum Sluggers and the Knoxville Giants also played briefly in the Negro Southern League in 1932 during the second half of the season as associate members.

Negro Southern League Play-Off Series (1932)

Cole's Chicago American Giants (winners of the second half of the season) defeated the Nashville Elite Giants (winners of the first half of the season) in a Play-Off Series 5 games to 3 in Nashville's favor to win the Negro Southern League title.

Negro Dixie Series (1932)

The Monroe Monarchs of the Negro Southern League played Austin who were the champions of the Negro Texas League. Monroe defeated Austin four games to two to claim the Negro Dixie title.

Negro National League (1933)

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, Hilldale Daisies (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 dropped out of the league before the end of the season and were replaced by the Columbus Blue Birds in August of that year.

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.

Negro Southern League (1934)

At the February 4th organizational meeting for the 1934 Negro Southern League season, Dr. J.B. Martin was elected as President and L.S.N. Cobb was elected as Secretary of the "league."

The following won-loss records and "league" standings are not complete for the 1934 Negro Southern League season.

1934	Games	Record	Pct.
Monroe Monarchs	24	15-9	.625
Cincinnati Tigers	14	8-6	.571
New Orleans Crescent Stars	15	8-7	.533
Memphis Red Sox	20	10-9-1	.526
Birmingham Black Barons (Giants)	22	6-16	.273
Louisville Caps (Black Sox)	9	1-8	.111
Atlanta Athletics	(No records found)		

North-South Game (1934)

The inaugural North-South game was played at Sulphur Dell Stadium in Nashville on October 7, 1934. The line-up for the South squad as reported in the Pittsburgh Courier on October 6th included the following players:

Position	Player	Team	Position	Player	Team
1B	Eldridge Mayweather	Monroe	OF	Jerry Benjamin	Birmingham
2B	Matthew Carlisle	Birmingham	OF	Homer Curry	Memphis
SS	Wayman Longley	Memphis	OF	Jim Mason	Memphis
3B	Robert Smith	Memphis	P	Griffin	Monroe
C	Harry Else	Monroe	P	Columbus Vance	Birmingham
			P	Floyd Kranson	Monroe
			P	Herman Howard	Memphis

Negro National League (1934)

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.

Negro Southern League (1935)

Team owners and their representatives that attended the Negro Southern League organizational meetings in February and April of 1935 at the Martin Building located at 907 Florida Street in Memphis, TN were as follows:

Team	Representative
Atlanta Black Crackers	W.B. Baker
Birmingham Black Barons	Ludie Keys
Chattanooga	Mal Carter
Cincinnati	DeHart Hubbard
Claybrook Tigers	John Claybrook
Hopkinsville	R.H. Penner
Knoxville	J.A. Nance
Little Rock	
Louisville	A.F. Scott
Memphis Red Sox	Dr. W.S. Martin
Monroe Monarchs	Frank Johnson
Montgomery	William Brown
Nashville Elite Giants	Thomas Wilson
New Orleans Caulfield Ads	Fred Caulfield
Shreveport	Lefty Welch

The officers of the 1935 Negro Southern League were:

Officer	Position
Dr. J.B. Martin	President
Milton H. Grey	1 st Vice President
W.B. Baker	2 nd Vice President
L.S.N. Cobb	Secretary

The following teams played in the 1935 Negro Southern League:

1935	Games	Record	Pct.
Atlanta Black Crackers			
Birmingham Black Barons	59	43-16	.729
Chattanooga Black Lookouts			
Claybrook Tigers			
Memphis Red Sox			
Montgomery Grey Sox	39	28-11	.718
New Orleans Black Pelicans			

Notes:

1. The records presented for Birmingham and Montgomery were taken from a newspaper article that appeared in the Montgomery Advertiser on August 28, 1935. They are not supported by box scores.
2. Research by William J. Plott for his book The Negro Southern League uncovered 22 box scores from the start of the season through June 30. Plott came up with the following won-loss records from the box scores he analyzed: Memphis (12-4), Chattanooga (1-1), Atlanta (4-7), Birmingham (3-6) and Claybrook (2-4).
3. No final league standings have been uncovered.

Negro Southern League Play-Off Series (1935)

The Claybrook Tigers defeated the Memphis Red Sox four games to three in Play-off Series to claim the Negro Southern League title for the 1935 season.

Negro Southern League (1936)

Team owners and their representatives that attended the Negro Southern League meetings in January of 1936 at the Martin Building located at 907 Florida Street in Memphis, TN were as follows:

Team	Representative
Atlanta Black Crackers	W.B. Baker
Birmingham Black Barons	Ludie Keys
Chattanooga Black Lookouts	Mal "Bow" Carter
Cincinnati Tigers	DeHart Hubbard
Claybrook Tigers	John C. Claybrook
Hopkinsville Athletics	R.H. Penner
Knoxville	J.A. Knox
Little Rock	Crump
Louisville	A.F. Scott
Memphis Red Sox	Dr. J.B. Martin
Monroe Monarchs	Frank Johnson
Montgomery Grey Sox	William Brown
Nashville Elite Giants	Thomas Wilson
New Orleans	Allan Page
Oklahoma City	
Shreveport	

Thomas Wilson of the Nashville Elite Giants served as President of the Negro Southern League in 1936.

When the Negro Southern League started play in May of 1936 the following teams were in the "league."

Negro Southern League "Official" Games

1936	Games	Record	Pct.
Cincinnati Tigers	3	3-0	1.000
Birmingham Black Barons	19	15-4	.789
Nashville Elite Giants	7	5-2	.714
Atlanta Black Crackers	15	10-5	.667
Hopkinsville Athletics	5	2-3	.400
Memphis Red Sox	14	5-9	.357
Chattanooga Black Lookouts	18	6-12	.333
Montgomery Grey Sox	19	4-15	.211

Games Against All Levels of Competition

1936	Games	Record	Pct.
Birmingham Black Barons	21	17-4	.810
Nashville Elite Giants	10	8-2	.800
Cincinnati Tigers	9	6-3	.667
Atlanta Black Crackers	19	12-7	.632
Memphis Red Sox	17	7-10	.412
Hopkinsville Athletics	5	2-3	.400
Montgomery Grey Sox	24	9-15	.375
Chattanooga Black Lookouts	18	6-12	.333

Notes:

1. The won-loss records presented above are from the research of William Plott and presented in his book The Negro Southern League. They are supported by actual box scores uncovered during Mr. Plott's research.
2. The Negro Southern League seemed to have collapsed during the second half of the season.
3. No final Negro Southern League standings have been uncovered.

Negro American League (1937)

1937	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	27	19-8	.704
Chicago American Giants	26	18-8	.692
Cincinnati Tigers	26	15-11	.577
Memphis Red Sox	26	13-13	.500
Detroit Stars	27	12-15	.444
Birmingham Black Barons	27	10-17	.370
Indianapolis Athletics	27	9-18	.333
St. Louis Stars	27	5-22	.185

Records are for the first half of the season only. The Kansas City Monarchs won both halves of the season. Then beat the Chicago American Giants in a special post season Play-Off Series when the American Giants disputed the Monarchs being awarded the Negro American League title. Kansas City won the five game series 3 games to 1 (one game ended in a 2-2 tie).

Negro American League (1938)

1938	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	47	32-15	.681
Memphis Red Sox	48	29-19	.604
Atlanta Black Crackers	35	21-14	.600
Chicago American Giants	45	25-20	.556
Jacksonville Red Caps	7	3-4	.429
Indianapolis ABCs	33	14-19	.424
Birmingham Black Barons	31	8-23	.258

The Memphis Red Sox were the winners of the first half of the season and the Atlanta Black Crackers were the winners of the second half of the season. Memphis defeated Atlanta in the Play-Off Series two games to none for the Black Crackers.

Negro American League (1940)

1940	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	33	23-10	.697
Memphis Red Sox	34	18-16	.529
Cleveland Bears	26	13-13	.500
Chicago American Giants	37	18-19	.486
Birmingham Black Barons	19	9-10	.474
St. Louis-New Orleans Stars	9	3-6	.333
Indianapolis Crawfords	17	4-13	.235

The Kansas City Monarchs won both halves of the season and claimed the league title without a play-off.

Negro American League (1941)

1941	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	30	24-6	.800
St. Louis-New Orleans Stars	32	20-12	.625
Birmingham Black Barons	24	14-10	.583
Memphis Red Sox	16	8-8	.500
Jacksonville Red Caps	18	8-10	.444
Chicago American Giants	20	7-13	.350

The Kansas City Monarchs easily won the Negro American League championship. No play-off was held.

Negro American League (1942)

1942	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	38	28-10	.737
Cincinnati-Cleveland Bears	20	12-8	.600
Birmingham Black Barons	24	14-10	.583
Memphis Red Sox	34	16-18	.471
Jacksonville Red Caps	8	2-6	.250
Chicago American Giants	18	2-16	.111

The Kansas City Monarchs won the Negro American League title and then defeated the Homestead Grays (Negro National League champions) in the Negro League World Series. The Monarchs defeated the Grays 4 games to 1.

Negro American League (1943)

1943	Games	Record	Pct.
Birmingham Black Barons	34	20-14	.588
Memphis Red Sox	26	15-11	.577
Cleveland Buckeyes	45	25-20	.556
Kansas City Monarchs	58	29-29	.500
Chicago American Giants	43	20-23	.465
Cincinnati Clowns	33	15-18	.455

The **Birmingham Black Barons** beat the Chicago American Giants three games to two in a Play-Off Series to win the Negro American League title.

Negro American League (1944)

1944	Games	Record	Pct.
Birmingham Black Barons	70	48-22	.686
Indianapolis-Cincinnati Clowns	71	40-31	.563
Cleveland Buckeyes	81	40-41	.494
Memphis Red Sox	95	44-51	.463
Chicago American Giants	71	32-39	.451
Kansas City Monarchs	65	23-42	.354

The **Birmingham Black Barons** were crowned Negro American League champions. They met the Homestead Grays (Negro National League champions) in the Negro League World Series. Birmingham lost the World Series to Homestead 4 games to 1.

Negro American League (1945)

1945	Games	Record	Pct.
Cleveland Buckeyes	69	53-16	.768
Birmingham Black Barons	69	39-30	.565
Chicago American Giants	74	39-35	.527
Kansas City Monarchs	62	32-30	.516
Cincinnati-Indianapolis Clowns	69	30-39	.435
Memphis Red Sox	78	17-61	.218

The Cleveland Buckeyes won both halves of the Negro American League season and claimed the league championship without a Play-Off Series. Cleveland won the Negro American League title by 14 games.

Negro American League (1946)

1946	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	57	43-14	.754
Birmingham Black Barons	60	35-25	.583
Cleveland Buckeyes	53	26-27	.491
Indianapolis Clowns	62	27-35	.435
Memphis Red Sox	60	24-36	.400
Chicago American Giants	72	27-45	.375

Kansas City Monarchs won the Negro American League championship without a Play-Off Series.

Negro American League (1947)

1947	Games	Record	Pct.
Cleveland Buckeyes	77	54-23	.701
Kansas City Monarchs	60	38-22	.633
Birmingham Black Barons	60	34-26	.567
Memphis Red Sox	78	33-45	.423
Chicago American Giants	81	31-50	.383
Indianapolis Clowns	66	22-44	.333

Cleveland Buckeyes were declared Negro American League Champions.

Negro American League (1948)

1948	Games	Record	Pct.
Birmingham Black Barons	78	57-21	.731
Kansas City Monarchs	68	43-25	.632
Cleveland Buckeyes	83	41-42	.494
Memphis Red Sox	77	33-44	.429
Indianapolis Clowns	73	27-46	.370
Chicago American Giants	75	27-48	.360

The **Birmingham Black Barons** (first half winners) defeated the Kansas City Monarchs (second half winners) in the playoffs and were named Negro American League Champions.

Negro American League (1949)

1949 (Eastern Division)	Games	Record	Pct.
Baltimore Elite Giants	89	59-30	.663
New York Cubans	46	26-20	.565
Indianapolis Clowns	81	37-44	.457
Philadelphia Stars	69	31-38	.449
Louisville Buckeyes	83	19-64	.229

1949 (Western Division)	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	91	54-37	.593
Chicago American Giants	83	48-35	.578
Birmingham Black Barons	84	45-39	.536
Houston Eagles	69	34-35	.493
Memphis Red Sox	89	39-50	.438

The Chicago American Giants were awarded the Western Division title when the Kansas City Monarchs were unable to defend their crown because several of the players were signed by Major League baseball. The Baltimore Elite Giants (Eastern Division champions) defeated the Chicago American Giants (Western Division champions) in a Play-Off Series.

Negro American League (1950)

1950 (Eastern Division)	Games	Record	Pct.
Indianapolis Clowns	87	47-38-2	.553
Baltimore Elite Giants	45	24-20-1	.545
New York Cubans	34	18-16	.529
Philadelphia Stars	44	15-28-1	.349
Cleveland Buckeyes	42	3-39	.071

1950 (Western Division)	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	73	52-21	.712
Birmingham Black Barons	78	52-25-1	.675
Memphis Red Sox	76	42-32-2	.568
Houston Eagles	65	23-41-1	.359
Chicago American Giants	46	15-31	.326

The Indianapolis Clowns won the Negro American League Eastern Division Title and the Kansas City Monarchs won both halves of the Negro American League Western Division. No playoff was held between the Eastern and Western Division Champions.

Negro American League (1951)

1951 (Eastern Division)	Games	Record	Pct.
Indianapolis Clowns	79	53-26	.671
Baltimore Elite Giants	64	28-36	.438
Philadelphia Stars	46	18-28	.391
Birmingham Black Barons	64	24-40	.375

1951 (Western Division)	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	70	42-28	.600
Chicago American Giants	58	34-24	.586
New Orleans Eagles	83	39-44	.470
Memphis Red Sox	56	22-34	.393

The Indianapolis Clowns won the Negro American League Championship.

Negro American League (1952)

1952	Games	Record	Pct.
Indianapolis Clowns	74	44-30	.595
Birmingham Black Barons	87	51-36	.586
Chicago American Giants	63	32-31	.508
Kansas City Monarchs	49	23-26	.469
Memphis Red Sox	69	29-40	.420
Philadelphia Stars	60	22-38	.367

Indianapolis won the first half of the season and Birmingham won the second half of the season. The Indianapolis Clowns were named the Negro American League champions.

Negro American League (1953)

1953	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	77	56-21	.727
Birmingham Black Barons	62	28-34	.452
Indianapolis Clowns	75	31-43-1	.419
Memphis Red Sox	58	20-37-1	.351

The Kansas City Monarchs won both halves of the split season and were named Negro American League champions. Kansas City was the only team in the league to finish over .500 for the season.

Negro American League (1954)

1954	Games	Record	Pct.
Indianapolis Clowns	65	43-22	.662
Memphis Red Sox	84	49-34-1	.590
Birmingham Black Barons	80	41-38-1	.519
Detroit Stars	55	23-31-1	.426
Louisville Clippers	51	19-30-2	.388
Kansas City Monarchs	67	23-43-1	.348

The Indianapolis Clowns won both halves of the split season and were crowned Negro American League champions.

Negro American League (1955)

1955

Kansas City Monarchs
Birmingham Black Barons
Memphis Red Sox
Detroit Stars
Indianapolis Clowns

According to a newspaper article that appeared in the Afro American on 07-12-55 the "official" order of finish for the first half of the Negro American League season was Kansas City Monarchs (1st), **Birmingham Black Barons** (2nd), Memphis Red Sox (3rd) and Detroit Stars (4th). Nothing was mentioned about the Indianapolis Clowns.

The Kansas City Monarchs won the Negro American League title.

Negro American League (1956)

1956

* Second Half of Season

	Games	Record	Pct.
Memphis Red Sox	11	6-5	.545
Detroit Stars	24	13-11	.542
Birmingham Black Barons	18	9-9	.500
Kansas City Monarchs	15	6-9	.400

* Published in the Afro American on September 01, 1956.

The Detroit Stars were crowned as Negro American League champions.

Negro American League (1957)

1957	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	43	34-9	.791
Memphis Red Sox	22	15-7	.682
Mobile Havana Cuban Giants	9	4-5	.444
Detroit Stars	41	16-25	.390
Birmingham Black Barons	24	6-18	.250
New Orleans Crescent Bears	11	0-11	.000

League standings as published in the Afro American on September 9, 1957.

Negro American League (1958)

1958	Games	Record	Pct.
Kansas City Monarchs	56	30-24-2	.556
Memphis Red Sox	34	18-15-1	.545
Detroit Clowns	48	21-26-1	.447
Birmingham Black Barons	34	15-19	.441

Kansas City Monarchs won the Negro American League Championship.

Negro American League (1959-1962)

1959

Birmingham Black Barons

Detroit Stars
Kansas City Monarchs
Memphis Red Sox
Newark Indians
Raleigh Tigers

Per newspaper reports the **Birmingham Black Barons** were the Negro American League champions.
"Official" League standings were not published.

1960

Birmingham Black Barons

Detroit-New Orleans Stars
Kansas City Monarchs
Raleigh Tigers

League standings were not published.

1961

Birmingham Black Barons

Kansas City Monarchs
Raleigh Tigers
Philadelphia Stars (Associate Member)

League standings were not published.

1962

Birmingham Black Barons

Kansas City Monarchs
Raleigh Tigers
Philadelphia Stars (Associate Member)

League standings were not published.