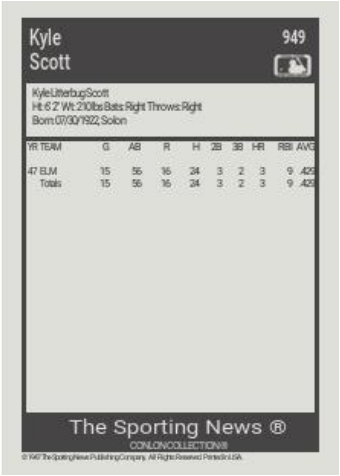
Erie-Pacific Baseball League
April 1947

STANDINGS

Westgate Indians	10	5	.667	-
Elmwood Panthers	8	7	.533	2.0
Fulton Saints	8	7	.533	2.0
Lakeshore Cardinals	7	8	.467	3.0
Murray Hill Stallions	7	8	.467	3.0
Emery Park Vikings	5	10	.333	5.0

Batting AVG:	.429	Kyle Scott, ELM
Home Runs:	6	Casey Comstock, MH
Runs Batted In:	16	Brett Harris, WES
ERA:	0.75	Erick Mauceri, WES
Wins:	4	Erick Mauceri, WES
Strikeouts:	17	Nate Harris, ELM



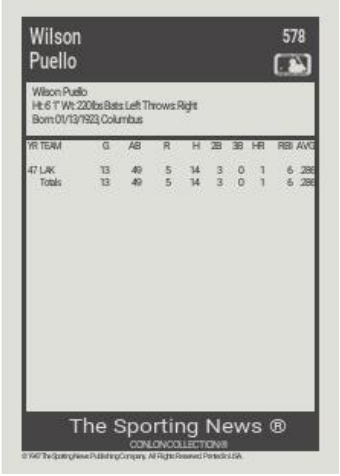
Scott Cops EPL Batter of the Month Honors: At only 24 years of age, Kyle Scott could very well be having many more months like the last this in his career.

That would be great news for fans of the Elmwood Panthers, as April was one to remember for the right fielder and he has captured the Erie-Pacific League Batter of the Month award.

On the month he hit .429 with 3 home runs, 9 RBIs and 16 runs scored.

EPL's Top Pitcher in April Is Mauceri: Despite the number of years he's been in the league, Erick Mauceri still gets excited when he puts together a quality stretch like he had in April. The 32-year-old starter for Westgate was named Erie-Pacific League Pitcher of the Month earlier today.

He collected 4 wins and no losses with 15 strikeouts in his 4 starts, putting up a fine 0.75 ERA in 36 innings of work.



EPL Selects Rookie Star of the Month: Wilson Puello's eyes seem to light up whenever he sees the baseball. The young Lakeshore catcher has been hitting everything in sight for the better part of a month.

In April he was voted the Rookie of the Month Award.

During the month he hit .286 with 3 doubles, no triples and 1 home run. Puello also scored 5 times and drove in 6 runs.

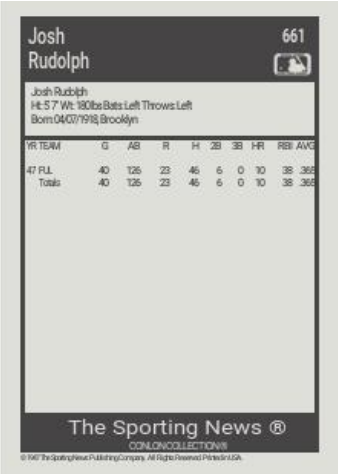
Erie-Pacific Baseball League
May 1947

STANDINGS

Elmwood Panthers	27	17	.614	-
Fulton Saints	27	17	.614	-
Westgate Indians	23	21	.523	4.0
Lakeshore Cardinals	22	22	.500	5.0
Murray Hill Stallions	18	26	.409	9.0
Emery Park Vikings	15	29	.341	12.0

League Leaders

Batting AVG:	.393	Norm Deep, EP
Home Runs:	11	Brett Harris, WES
Runs Batted In:	38	Josh Rudolph, FUL
ERA:	1.57	Chris Brown, ELM
Wins:	7	Jimmy Hulse, ELM
Strikeouts:	41	Steve Elbers, MH

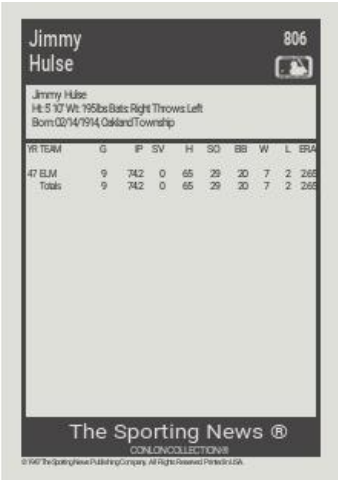


Fulton's Rudolph Bags EPL Top Batter for May: Josh Rudolph battered Erie-Pacific League pitchers all May and wound up taking home the Batter of the Month Award.

"I've been around Erie-Pacific League long enough to know you really have to work hard day in and day out to be able to put up this kind of consistency," the 29-year-old Rudolph told reporters. "I put in a lot of work, even on the days I might not take the field, and it's always nice when everything comes together for me like it did this last month."

In 27 games, Rudolph hit .376 with 9 home runs, 30 RBIs and scored 18 runs.

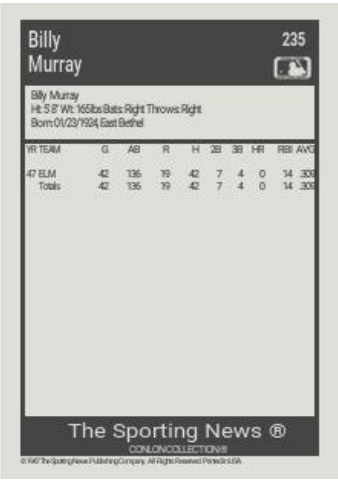
Rudolph is batting .365 with 10 home runs and 38 RBIs this season.



Erie-Pacific League Announces Best Starter: Veteran Jimmy Hulse put together quite a successful stretch in May for the Elmwood Panthers, earning himself the Erie-Pacific League Pitcher of the Month award.

Hulse racked up a 5-1 record in 6 starts, posting a 2.31 ERA over 50.2 innings and striking out 21.

For the season Hulse has logged 7 wins and 2 losses and struck out 29 batters in 74.2 innings while compiling a 2.65 ERA.



Erie-Pacific League Names Rookie of Month: Billy Murray earned May's Rookie of the Month honors in the Erie-Pacific League for last month's performance. The boyish Elmwood center fielder might be wet behind the ears, but he's proving that he has what it takes to play at this level.

Murray hit .311 with no home runs, 11 RBIs and 11 runs scored this past month on his way to winning the award.

In 42 games this year Murray has posted a .309 average and put up these numbers: no home runs, 14 RBIs and 19 runs scored.

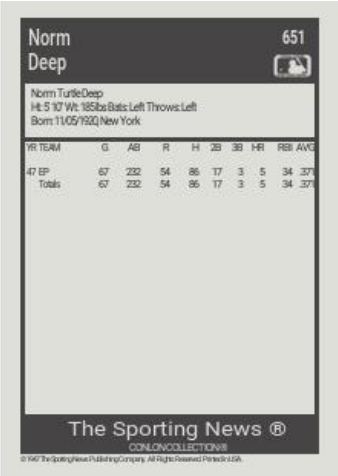
Erie-Pacific Baseball League
June 1947

STANDINGS

Fulton Saints	42	27	.609	-
Lakeshore Cardinals	40	29	.580	2.0
Westgate Indians	36	33	.522	6.0
Elmwood Panthers	35	34	.507	7.0
Emery Park Vikings	27	42	.391	15.0
Murray Hill Stallions	27	42	.391	15.0

League Leaders

Batting AVG:	.387	Ryan Mroz, LAK
Home Runs:	13	Brett Harris, WES
Runs Batted In:	47	Josh Rudolph, FUL
ERA:	1.64	Chris Brown, ELM
Wins:	10	Curtis Birdwell, LAK
Strikeouts:	75	Nate Harris, ELM



Deep Picks Up Best EPL Batter Honors for June: June's Batter of the Month has been chosen by the Erie-Pacific League. This month's trophy was awarded to the Emery Park right fielder, Norm Deep.

He starred by hitting .329 with a .525 on-base percentage, totaled 27 hits in 82 at-bats, 1 home run, 13 RBIs and 20 runs scored.

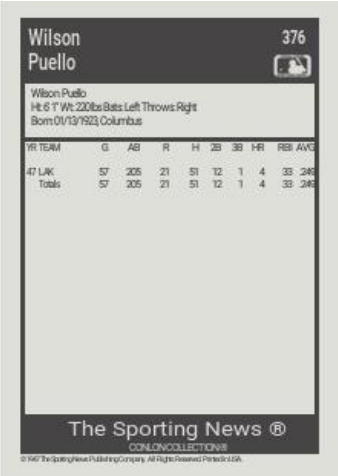
In the 1947 season Deep is hitting .371 with 5 home runs.

Emery Park Starter Named EPL's Best Pitcher: In June when the Emery Park manager wrote the name "McLean" on the lineup card, he knew he had a good shot at winning. Start after start in the month, Christian McLean took the hill, took charge and usually got the win.

He dominated with a 5-1 mark and 2.18 ERA in 6 starts. The gifted Vikings star pitched 53.2 innings, fanned 23 and held opposing teams to a .214 average.

For his outstanding mound performance McLean was named the EPL Pitcher of the Month by the baseball writers.

To date McLean is 8-6 in 16 starts with a 3.31 ERA and has 46 strikeouts in 130.2 innings.



Puello Picked June's Best Newcomer: Youngster Wilson Puello emerged as the latest Erie-Pacific League Rookie of the Month today. The young man from Lakeshore deserved the honor, batting .247 with 1 home run and 12 RBI. Is the month of June a harbinger of things to come or just a fluke? We'll find out someday, but for now, we'll just let Puello enjoy the limelight.

Puello is batting .249 this season in 57 games with 4 home runs, 33 RBIs and 21 runs scored. He has 51 hits in 205 at-bats.

1947 DRAFT LOG ROUND 1 - ROUND 9

Round 1
Round 1, Pick 1 - Emery Park Vikings: CF Adam Savage, age 18, out of high school (Roslyn; Roslyn Heights, NY)
Round 1, Pick 2 - Murray Hill Stallions: SS Esteban Rivas, age 18, out of high school (Evergreen Park; Evergreen Park, IL)
Round 1, Pick 3 - Lakeshore Cardinals: SS Curt Perry, age 17, out of high school (Gordon Tech; Chicago, IL)
Round 1, Pick 4 - Westgate Indians: SP Enrique Saucedo, age 21, out of college (San Diego State; San Diego, CA)
Round 1, Pick 5 - Elmwood Panthers: CL Juan Montanez, age 21, out of college (Siena; Colonie, NY)
Round 1, Pick 6 - Fulton Saints: SP Mike Britton, age 21, out of college (Michigan; Ann Arbor, MI)
Round 2
Round 2, Pick 1 - Emery Park Vikings: SP Chris Jacobson, age 21, out of college (Vanderbilt; Nashville, TN)
Round 2, Pick 2 - Murray Hill Stallions: SP Greg Boynton, age 18, out of high school (Carterville; Carterville, IL)
Round 2, Pick 3 - Lakeshore Cardinals: SS Leo Martinez, age 23, out of college (Wisconsin-Milwaukee; Milwaukee, WI)
Round 2, Pick 4 - Westgate Indians: SS Byron Malley, age 19, out of high school (Coffman; Dublin, OH)
Round 2, Pick 5 - Elmwood Panthers: C Brody Abraham, age 19, out of high school (Friends Seminary; New York, NY)
Round 2, Pick 6 - Fulton Saints: RF Alex Martinez, age 19, out of high school (Altoona; Altoona, WI)
Round 3
Round 3, Pick 1 - Emery Park Vikings: SS Garrett Weiss, age 18, out of high school (Heatly; Troy, NY)
Round 3, Pick 2 - Murray Hill Stallions: 1B Bill Powers, age 21, out of college (Dallas Baptist; Dallas, TX)
Round 3, Pick 3 - Lakeshore Cardinals: 3B Efrain Sanchez, age 20, out of college (Michigan; Ann Arbor, MI)
Round 3, Pick 4 - Westgate Indians: CF Sean Rund, age 17, out of high school (Moorestown; Moorestown, NJ)
Round 3, Pick 5 - Elmwood Panthers: 3B Jorge Medina, age 21, out of college (Minnesota; Minneapolis, MN)
Round 3, Pick 6 - Fulton Saints: C Bobby Care, age 22, out of college (Western Carolina; Cullowhee, NC)

1. Enrique Saucedo, 21 year-old RHP out of college.
2. Garrett Weiss, 18 year-old SS out of high-school.
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8. Efrain Sanchez, 20 year-old 3B out of college.
9. Bobby Care, 22 year-old C out of college.
10. Bill Powers, 21 year-old 1B out of college.

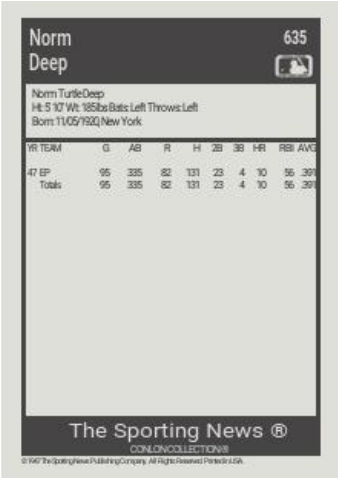
Erie-Pacific Baseball League
July 1947

STANDINGS

Fulton Saints	60	38	.612	-
Lakeshore Cardinals	55	43	.561	5.0
Westgate Indians	54	44	.551	6.0
Murray Hill Stallions	43	55	.439	17.0
Elmwood Panthers	41	57	.418	19.0
Emery Park Vikings	41	57	.418	19.0

League Leaders

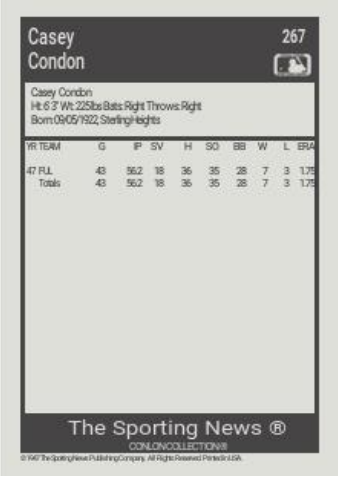
Batting AVG:	.391	Norm Deep, EP
Home Runs:	18	Brett Harris, WES
Runs Batted In:	65	Andy Haumesser, FUL
ERA:	2.04	Curtis Birdwell, LAK
Wins:	14	Curtis Birdwell, LAK
Strikeouts:	108	Nate Harris, ELM



EPL Presents Batter of Month Trophy to Deep: The Erie-Pacific League Batter of the Month has been picked for July and the honor goes to the Emery Park Vikings Norm Deep.

He compiled a .437 batting average with 45 hits and 5 home runs, along with 22 RBIs and 28 runs scored.

So far this season Deep is hitting .391 with 10 home runs, 56 RBIs and 82 runs scored. He has 131 hits in 335 at-bats and a .533 OBP.

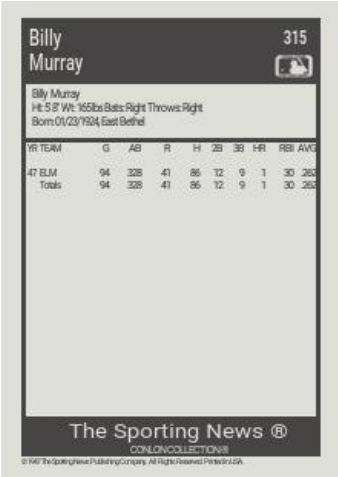


EPL Relief Ace Condon Named Best Hurler: "The kid had it all working last month," a veteran teammate told reporters. "He keeps up those kind of numbers, we might have to start inviting him out with us after the games."

Casey Condon put together a very solid month to take home the Erie-Pacific League's top pitching honor in July.

The 24-year-old reliever threw like a veteran. In 13 relief appearances he raked in 5 saves and 10 strikeouts in 16 innings as he put together his 4-0 record and 0.00 ERA.

So far this season, Condon has a 7-3 won-lost record with 18 saves. He has made 43 relief appearances, logged 56.2 innings and fanned 35 batters while fashioning a 1.75 ERA and allowing the opposition a .180 batting average.



Murray Wins Rookie of the Month: Billy Murray is still a bit shy, but then, who could blame the newest Erie-Pacific League Rookie of the Month honoree? He hasn't been around the league long enough to fully know the ropes yet, despite the fact that he's putting up veteran-like numbers.

In July the Elmwood hitter tagged opposing pitching for a .257 average with 28 hits, 1 home run and 11 RBIs.

So far this season Murray is batting .262 with 1 home run.

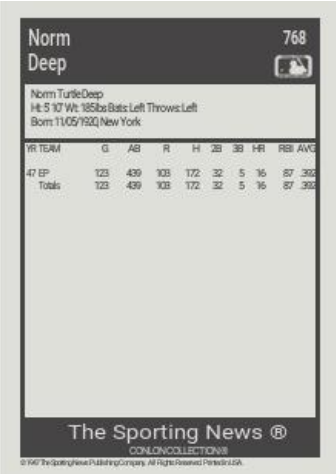
Erie-Pacific Baseball League
August 1947

STANDINGS

Fulton Saints	75	52	.591	-
Westgate Indians	69	57	.548	5.5
Lakeshore Cardinals	67	59	.532	7.5
Murray Hill Stallions	59	68	.465	16.0
Emery Park Vikings	58	69	.457	17.0
Elmwood Panthers	52	75	.409	23.0

League Leaders

Batting AVG:	.392	Norm Deep, EP
Home Runs:	22	Brett Harris, WES
Runs Batted In:	87	Norm Deep, EP
ERA:	2.21	Curtis Birdwell, LAK
Wins:	18	Curtis Birdwell, LAK
Strikeouts:	141	Nate Harris, ELM



EPL Batter of the Month Honors to Deep: Seasoned by several years of professional experience, 26-year-old Norm Deep put together a solid offensive month for Emery Park and was crowned August's top batter in the Erie-Pacific League.

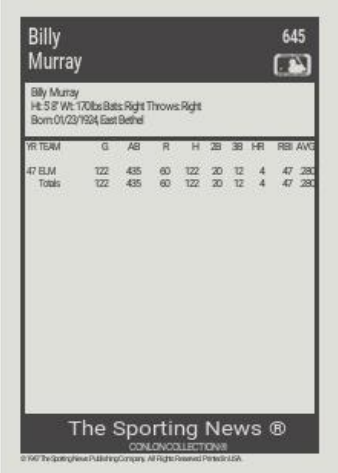
He batted .394 with 6 home runs, 31 RBIs and 21 runs scored.

In his stats this season, Deep has posted a batting average of .392 with 172 hits in 439 at-bats, 16 home runs and 87 RBIs. He has also scored 103 runs, walked 142 times and compiled a .537 OBP.

Vikings Starter Wins EPL Pitching Award: Christian McLean's been around the league long enough to appreciate the honor he received today. After going 4-2 in August, the 28-year-old Emery Park hurler has been named Erie-Pacific League Pitcher of the Month.

He fanned 18 in 59 innings, logged an ERA of 1.22 and allowed opponents to hit .184 against him.

In 29 starts this year McLean has crafted a 15-9 record and a 2.63 ERA.



EPL Announces Rookie of the Month: During the month Billy Murray socked and slapped the baseball all over Erie-Pacific League ballparks to pull in a majority of the votes for the Rookie of the Month award.

In August the center fielder for Elmwood collected 36 hits, 3 home runs, 17 RBIs and 19 runs scored. He batted .336 with a .408 OBP.

So far this season Murray is batting .280 with 4 home runs, 47 RBIs and 60 runs scored. He has 122 hits in 435 at-bats, 46 walks and a .348 OBP. Murray has played in 122 games.

Erie-Pacific Baseball League
September FINAL 1947

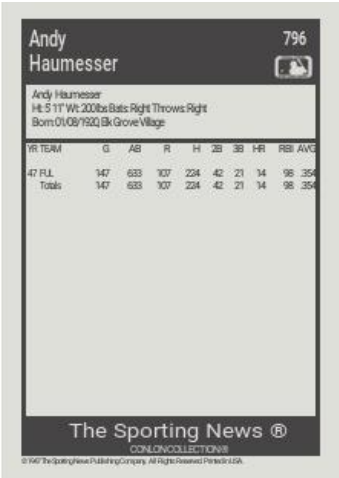
FULTON SAINTS WIN PENNANT

STANDINGS

Fulton Saints	90	60	.600	-
Westgate Indians	83	67	.553	7.0
Lakeshore Cardinals	77	73	.513	13.0
Murray Hill Stallions	75	75	.500	15.0
Emery Park Vikings	65	85	.433	25.0
Elmwood Panthers	60	90	.400	30.0

League Leaders

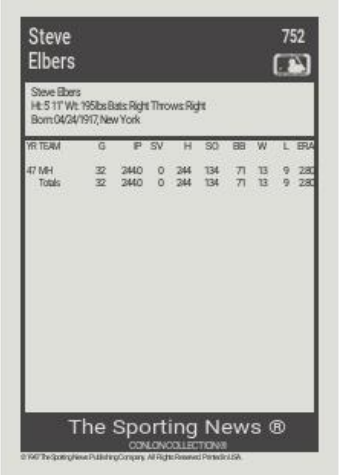
Batting AVG:	.369	Norm Deep, EP
Home Runs:	27	Brett Harris, WES
Runs Batted In:	102	Brett Harris, WES
ERA:	2.13	Curtis Birdwell, LAK
Wins:	20	Curtis Birdwell, LAK
Strikeouts:	152	Nate Harris, ELM



Fulton's Haumesser Collects September Batting Honor: Prospective free agents love to have hot streaks and Andy Haumesser is no exception. The Fulton center fielder capped off a fine month by hauling in Batter of the Month honors in the Erie-Pacific League.

In September Haumesser hit .434 with 3 home runs, 18 RBIs and 20 runs scored.

So far this season Haumesser is hitting .354 with 14 home runs.

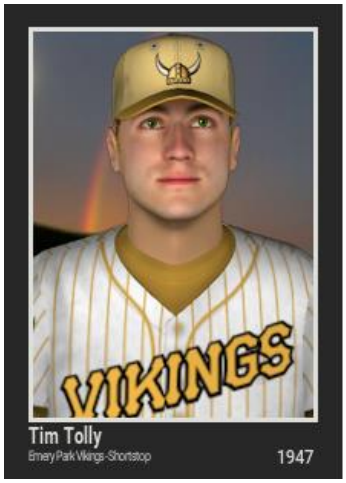


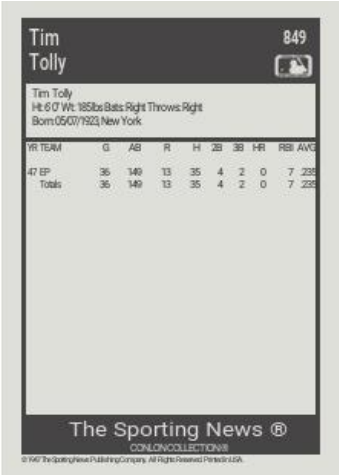
Elbers Chosen September's Best EPL Hurler: Steve Elbers nailed down September's Erie-Pacific League Pitcher of the Month award today, adding pressure on Murray Hill to get a deal done before the 30-year-old becomes a free agent.

Elbers seems unfazed by the talk. "We get a deal done or we don't," he told reporters, "I'm not worrying about next year. Worrying about next year isn't what wins awards, you know?"

He fashioned a 3-1 record, reeled off 31 strikeouts, worked 41 innings and held batters to a .199 average for the month as he posted a 1.76 ERA.

To date this year in 32 starts, Elbers has crafted a 13-9 mark with a 2.80 ERA.





Emery Park Rookie Reels in Reward in September: In September, Emery Park shortstop Tim Tolly took the Erie-Pacific League Rookie of the Month honors.

In 21 games he hit .250, collecting 22 hits, no home runs, 5 RBIs and 8 runs scored. He also chalked up 4 walks and a .283 OBP.

This year Tolly is hitting .235 with no home runs and 7 RBIs in 36 games played. He also boasts an OBP of .260 with 5 walks and 13 runs scored.

1947 Erie-Pacific Cup Series
Best of 7
WESTGATE INDIANS (Wildcard) WIN ERIE-PACIFIC TITLE

Westgate Indians win series, 4 to 2.

Game 1, September 28th, in Fulton:
Fulton Saints defeat Westgate Indians, 6 to 2
W: J. Flores (1-0) L: A. Ricketts (0-1)
HR - None

Game 2, September 29th, in Fulton:
Westgate Indians defeat Fulton Saints, 4 to 0
W: J. West (1-0) L: J. White (0-1)
HR - None

Game 3, October 1st, in Westgate:
Westgate Indians defeat Fulton Saints, 5 to 2
W: M. Ingoglia (1-0) L: K. Townsend (0-1) S: M. Palladino (1)
HR - WES: B. Harris (1), C. Winslow (1)

Game 4, October 2nd, in Westgate:
Westgate Indians defeat Fulton Saints, 12 to 3
W: J. Kates (1-0) L: P. Bell (0-1)
HR - FUL: J. Gabriel (1) WES: B. Harris (2), J. Holley (1)

Game 5, October 3rd, in Westgate:
Fulton Saints defeat Westgate Indians, 10 to 1
W: J. Delia (1-0) L: A. Ricketts (0-2)
HR - FUL: J. Gabriel 2 (3)

Game 6, October 5th, in Fulton:
Westgate Indians defeat Fulton Saints, 4 to 0
W: J. West (2-0) L: J. White (0-2)
HR - None

Series MVP: P Josh West (Westgate Indians)

Indians Take Title: Sometimes the winner is the one who got the lucky bounces and the lucky calls, and sometimes the winner is just the one who played better.

It was the latter case in 1947, as the Westgate Indians topped the Fulton Saints 4-0 tonight at Saints Ballpark to win the Erie-Pacific Series. It was the 1st title in franchise history.

"When you play for championships, you have to play better than the team in the other dugout. We did that in this series, and all year. Now we're the best team in baseball," said Westgate starting pitcher Josh West, who was named series MVP.

The Indians took the series 4-2. The new titleholders completed the regular season with a second-place finish in the and a 83-67 record.

Westgate manager Kasey Schaefer grinned and nodded when asked to comment on West's words.

"Josh said it best -- we played better than the other team," he said.

Hometown officials announced they were already planning a "grand celebration" for the winners in the days to come.

Fulton Saints

Team Record & Stats	
Overall record	90-60, .600 PCT, 1st
Home / Road	46-29, .613 / 44-31, .587
Versus Westgate	14-16, .467 PCT
Runs Scored	754 - 1st
Runs Against	672 - 3rd

Playoffs vs WES	POS	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG
Jose Garcia	LF	4	2	0	0	.500	.500	.500
Josh Rudolph	LF	19	9	0	8	.474	.500	.632
Jonathan Gabriel	1B	20	6	3	7	.300	.440	.850
Kyle Townsend	P	4	1	0	0	.250	.250	.250
Andy Haumesser	CF	26	6	0	3	.231	.259	.346
Mike Navratil	3B	24	5	0	1	.208	.296	.375
Justin Delia	P	6	1	0	0	.167	.167	.167
Tyler Tams	SS	18	2	0	1	.111	.261	.111
Andy Flatt	2B	22	2	0	0	.091	.231	.091
Kevin Rejman	RF	15	1	0	0	.067	.440	.067
Bert Holdsworth	C	19	1	0	1	.053	.095	.053
Jim Becker	CF	4	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Perry Bell	P	2	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Orlando Garcia	CF	1	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Josh White	P	3	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000

Series vs WES	W-L	IP	HA	HR	BB	K	ERA
Terry Wall	0-0	0.1	1	0	0	0	0.00
Casey Condon	0-0	1.0	1	0	0	2	0.00
Justin Delia	1-0	14.0	7	0	8	2	1.29
Josh Flores	1-0	3.1	3	0	1	0	2.70
Josh White	0-2	16.0	16	0	9	5	4.50
Kyle Townsend	0-1	7.2	7	2	2	3	5.87
Perry Bell	0-1	6.0	9	1	0	3	6.00
Brian Breeden	0-0	2.0	2	1	0	1	9.00
Jon Mendez	0-0	1.2	4	0	3	0	27.00

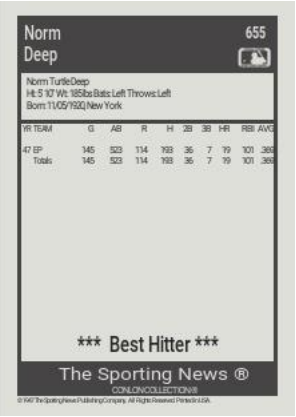
Westgate Indians

Team Record & Stats	
Overall record	83-67, .553 PCT, 2nd
Home / Road	43-32, .573 / 40-35, .533
Versus Fulton	16-14, .533 PCT
Runs Scored	729 - 2nd
Runs Against	668 - 2nd

Playoffs vs FUL	POS	AB	H	HR	RBI	AVG	OBP	SLG
David Guerrero	CF	1	1	0	1	1.000	1.000	1.000
Jimmy Kates	P	3	2	0	0	.667	.667	.667
Jack LeVere	1B	5	3	0	2	.600	.600	.600
Jeremy Graves	SS	8	4	0	3	.500	.556	.625
Brett Harris	1B	20	6	2	5	.300	.417	.700
Nick Morris	C	20	6	0	0	.300	.391	.300
Jason Van Dewark	CF	27	8	0	5	.296	.296	.556
Joe Holley	3B	24	7	1	3	.292	.370	.500
Jason Comfort	RF	20	5	0	2	.250	.375	.300
Mike Nichols	RF	4	1	0	0	.250	.250	.250
Josh West	P	6	1	0	1	.167	.286	.167
Cameron Winslow	LF	22	3	1	2	.136	.269	.273
Chad Kinney	2B	18	2	0	1	.111	.200	.111
David O'Brien	SS	10	1	0	1	.100	.231	.200
Jaime Burnette	P	1	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Andy Carrigan	2B	1	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
Matt Ingoglia	P	1	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000
A.J. Ricketts	P	1	0	0	0	.000	.000	.000

Series vs FUL	W-L	IP	HA	HR	BB	K	ERA
Josh West	2-0	18.0	5	0	3	7	0.00
Mike Palladino	0-0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0.00
Justin Jones	0-0	1.0	0	0	2	1	0.00
Matt Ingoglia	1-0	8.0	6	0	8	4	2.25
Jaime Burnette	0-0	3.0	1	0	3	1	3.00
Jimmy Kates	1-0	8.0	8	1	4	4	3.38
A.J. Ricketts	0-2	12.2	14	2	5	4	7.82
Enrique Saucedo	0-0	1.1	2	0	3	1	27.00

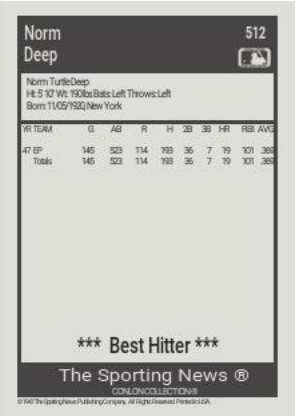
1947 Season Awards



Deep Is EPL Swing King: The number-one ranked hitter in the Erie-Pacific League for 1947 is Norm Deep.

The Emery Park Vikings right fielder won the league batting crown with 193 hits in 523 at-bats. No one in the league had a higher average.

Deep played in 145 games and finished his standout season with 19 home runs, 101 RBIs and scored 114 times.

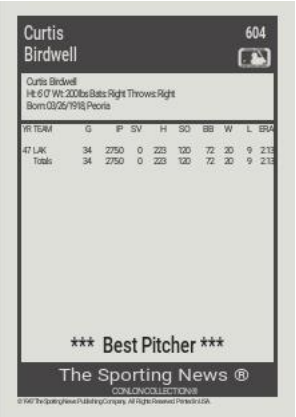


1947 EPL #1 Star is Emery Park's Deep: The manager of the Emery Park Vikings said he thinks Norm Deep is only going to get better as he gets older.

He may only be 26, but it will be hard to top the right fielder's 1947 campaign, as he has been named the winner of the Erie-Pacific League Most Valuable Player Award.

His winning campaign featured a .369 batting average and a .513 on-base percentage this year. In 145 games he piled up 193 hits, 36 doubles, 7 triples, 19 home runs, 101 RBIs and 114 runs scored.

Andy Haumesser of the Fulton Saints finished second in voting, while Curtis Birdwell of the Lakeshore Cardinals finished third.

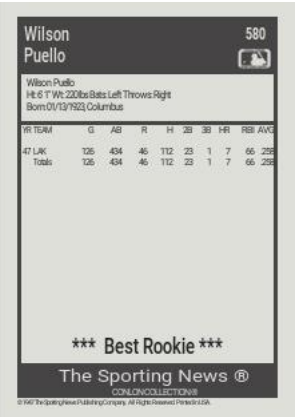


Best Pitcher Honor Goes to Birdwell of Lakeshore: The Pitcher of the Year Award for 1947 has been presented and the Erie-Pacific League winner is Curtis Birdwell of Lakeshore.

"It's always nice to receive an award like this," said Birdwell. "I just hope I can improve on my performance next year and be in the running again," the Cardinals star told reporters.

Birdwell excelled with an impressive 20-9 record in 34 starts. In 275 innings he yielded 223 hits and 72 walks, while striking out 120 and compiling a fine 2.13 ERA.

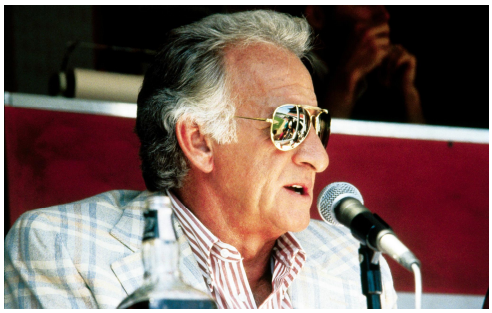
Steve Elbers of the Murray Hill Stallions finished second in voting, while Christian McLean of the Emery Park Vikings finished third.



Puello This Year's Top Rookie: The regular season is now history and it's awards time in the Erie-Pacific League. This year's winner of the Rookie of the Year Award is 24-year-old Wilson Puello of the Lakeshore Cardinals.

The talented catcher batted .258, played in 126 games and delivered 112 hits in 434 at-bats. His totals also included 7 home runs, 66 RBIs, 46 runs scored, 70 walks and a .357 OPB.

Billy Murray of the Elmwood Panthers finished second in voting, while Jesse Voss of the Murray Hill Stallions finished third.



1947 Off Season Report

by Harry Doyle

Free Agents – The top free agents this off-season are…

Steve Elbers +	30 year-old RH SP	4½☆	Great Glove Award ’47	Murray Hill
Curtis Birdwell +	29 year-old RH SP	4½☆	Pitcher of the Year Award ’47	Lakeshore
Dusty Dickinson *	34 year-old 2B	4☆		Emery Park
Andy Wacker *	29 year-old SS	4☆		Lakeshore
Cameron Winslow *	29 year-old LF	5☆		Westgate
Matt Steffen	33 year-old 2B	4☆		Murray Hill
Joe Holley *	26 year-old 3B	5☆	Platinum Stick Award ’47 EPL Champion ‘47	Westgate
Andy Haumesser +	27 year-old CF	4☆	Platinum Stick Award ’47	Fulton
Chris Walker *	28 year-old SS	3½☆	Great Glove Award ’47	Emery Park

** signed in 1947, + signed in 1948*

Winter Meetings, November 16-19, 1947… Nothing to report.

Financial Notes, All teams made a profit, the smallest Emery Park

Headlines…

11/19/47 - Superstar Holley Signs with Elmwood: Seen as a robust, fit and extremely athletic solution, third baseman Joe Holley took the podium this afternoon to announce that he and the Panthers had reached an agreement totaling $290,800 over 6 years. Fans were elated by the news, seeing the signing as a critical step in the club's long-term outlook. In his 128-game career, Holley has hit at a .311 clip and collected 151 hits with 30 doubles, 8 triples, 18 homers, and 75 RBIs. (Westgate to Elmwood)

11/25/47 - Veteran Dickinson, Westgate Complete Deal: A wave of jubilation swept over Westgate today as fans and team officials celebrated the signing of Dusty Dickinson. Despite the fact that the Westgate Indians will have to pay out $103,200 over 3 years, he will certainly draw fans to the park. Let's just hope they don't crank up ticket prices! Lifetime Dickinson is batting .263 and has hit 9 home runs. (Emory Park to Westgate)

11/27/47 - Lakeshore Wins Lottery for SS Wacker: Cardinals officials presented Andy Wacker to members of the local print media today as their new shortstop. The deal, worth $18,200, guarantees the 29-year-old a home in Lakeshore for 1 year. It should improve the ballclub, assuming he plays to his potential. Wacker has 123 career hits with a .276 batting average and 1 home run. (Stays with Lakeshore)

12/2/47 – Chris Walker signed a 4-year contract worth $175,200 with Elmwood. (Emery Park to Elmwood)

12/27/47 – Cameron Winslow signed a 5-year contract worth $243,400 with Elmwood. (Westgate to Elmwood)

Offseason WAR Summary by Team on December 31, 1947…

Elmwood Panthers (+14.7) 6th Place
Emery Park (-6.2) 5th Place
Fulton Saints (-13.0) Pennant
Lakeshore Cardinals (-12.0) 3rd Place
Murray Hill Stallions (-10.7) 4th Place
Westgate Indians (-5.5) Title

1/29/48 - Elmwood Makes Big Splash in Free Agency: Signs CF: The Elmwood Panthers have called a press conference later today to announce the signing of center fielder Andy Haumesser to a 6-year, $358,800 contract. Both Haumesser and the Panthers are said to be very pleased to come to this agreement. In 147 career games Haumesser is hitting at a .354 pace with 224 hits with 42 doubles, 21 triples and 14 homers while scoring 107 runs and racking up 98 RBIs. He logged 47 walks and owns a .403 on-base percentage. (Fulton to Elmwood)

3/16/48 - Fulton Wins SP Birdwell Sweepstakes: Feedback was positive in Fulton today as the club announced an agreement with starting pitcher Curtis Birdwell, one of the league's marquee players. Lifetime Birdwell has 20 victories and 9 defeats with a 2.13 ERA. (Lakeshore to Fulton)

3/19/48 - Fulton Fired up over Signing of SP Elbers: In what local scribes are hailing as a huge move for the team's future, the Saints inked a $194,400 deal with starting pitcher Steve Elbers. Team officials expect Elbers to fill an immediate void on the roster and felt the deal would solidify them as a playoff contender. Lifetime Elbers has a 13-9 won-lost record with a 2.80 ERA. (Murray Hill to Fulton)

Offseason WAR Summary by Team on April 14, 1948…

Elmwood Panthers (+23.6) 6th Place
Emery Park (-6.0) 5th Place
Fulton Saints (+3.8) Pennant
Lakeshore Cardinals (-12.0) 3rd Place
Murray Hill Stallions (-10.7) 4th Place
Westgate Indians (-8.1) Title

Harry's guess for 1948…

Elmwood Panthers