

1973-74 Final Statistics

Eau Claire Commercial Dartball League

<u>Final League Standings</u>		W	L	<u>Most Straight Hits</u>	
1st. -- McFaddens	36	12	1st. -- Don Frei (league record)	17	
2nd. -- Loomis Livestock	32	16	2nd. -- Gary Brantner	11	
3rd. -- Loomis Eau Claire	29	19	3rd. -- Dan Plomedal	11	
4th. -- Co-op Shoppers	29	19	4th. -- Geo. McFadden, Jr.	11	
5th. -- Hartl Produce	26	22	<u>Most Improved Player</u>		1973 Avg. 1974 Avg.
6th. -- 5 O'Clock Club	20	28	1st. -- Roald Ovren	484	573
7th. -- Hays Construction	20	28	2nd. -- Orv. Edmundson	519	589
8th. -- Kerms Super Foods	15	33	3rd. -- Vern Gifford	452	537
9th. -- Beguhns Feed Mill	9	39	4th. -- Dan Miller	443	520
<u>Team Averages</u>			<u>Averages .600 and over</u>		
1st. -- McFaddens	.519		Arlyn Solberg		.614
2nd. -- Co-op Shoppers	.483		<u>Averages .500 and over</u>		
3rd. -- Loomis Eau Claire	.478		Rich Ovren		.595
4th. -- Loomis Livestock	.478		Bob Walters		.595
5th. -- Hays Construction	.452		Norm Miller		.592
6th. -- Hartl Produce	.445		Orville Edmundson		.589
7th. -- 5 O'Clock Club	.442		Rod Miller		.583
8th. -- Kerms Super Foods	.427		Rodger Miller		.580
9th. -- Beguhns Feed Mill	.372		Roald Ovren		.573
<u>High Individual Averages.</u>			Don Frei		.565
1st. -- Arlyn Solberg	.614		Bob Olson		.547
2nd. -- Bob Walters	.595		Vern Gifford		.537
3rd. -- Rich Ovren	.595		Ralph Gullingsrud		.534
4th. -- Norm Miller	.592		Geo. McFadden, Jr.		.531
<u>Most Singles</u>			Don Solberg		.528
1st. -- Bob Walters	157		Rick Lund		.528
2nd. -- Rodger Miller	130		Lloyd Benner		.526
3rd. -- Bob Olson	125		Dan Plomedal		.525
4th. -- Gary Smith	121		Allen Schultz		.521
<u>Most Triples</u>			Dan Miller		.520
1st. -- Rich Ovren	110		John Loomis		.520
2nd. -- Duane Schultz	72		Mike Lange		.515
3rd. -- Ron Parr	70		Gary Smith		.514
4th. -- John Loomis	67		Ron Kothlow		.512
<u>Most RBI'S (season)</u>			Marlin Mueller		.511
1st. -- Rich Ovren	174		Duane Schultz		.511
2nd. -- John Loomis	130		Ron Ford		.506
3rd. -- Ron Parr	124		Lee Loomis		.505
4th. -- Dan Plomedal	112		Roger Lund		.504
Geo. McFadden, Jr.	112		Ron Parr		.500
<u>Most RBI'S (3 games)</u>			<u>Averages .400 and over</u>		
1st. -- Rich Ovren	19		Bruce Green		.498
2nd. -- Rich Ovren	15		Marlowe Siler		.496
<u>Most RBI'S (1 game)</u>			Harry Owens		.494
1st. -- Jerry Jalowitz	8		Wally Topper		.487
2nd. -- Rich Ovren	7		Don Miller		.487
<u>Most Hits</u>			Bob Talford		.485
1st. -- Bob Walters	179		Darrell Solberg		.482
2nd. -- Rich Ovren	162		Mark Peterson		.481
3rd. -- Rod Miller	154		Gerry Mai		.487
4th. -- Arlyn Solberg	153		Dan Cook		.475
			Alton Engen		.475
			Chuck Klatt		.470
			Jerry Sipple		.467

Averages .400 and over

Phil Market	.465
Harold Severson	.462
Sam Spielman	.461
Jeff Holt	.460
Bill Wagner	.459
Irv. Maves	.457
Don Strauch	.455
Monty Loomis	.455
Jan Deetz	.455
Bob Hanson	.454
Don Engum	.448
Ray Erickson	.447
Vern Hennig	.447
Jack Cook	.446
Gary Brantner	.445
Loren Loomis	.444
Earl Hanson	.441
Wally Smith	.440
Ralph Holt	.439
Sayles Owens	.437
Keith Anderson	.436
Jerry Jalowitz	.435
Bill Holbein	.434
Everett Loomis	.432
Steve Higley	.432
Ebb Quella	.430
Jim Talford	.437
Walt Miller	.426
Loren Solberg	.417
Frank Dummer	.413
Don Peterson	.408
Bob McFadden	.408
Ted Johnson	.406
Duane Miller	.405
Otto Erdman	.405
Tom Beguhn	.401

Hall of Fame Hitters - 12 or more hits in 3 games

	Times		Times
Rodger Miller	8	Bruce Green	1
Bob Walters	7	Sayles Owens	1
Arlyn Solberg	6	Wayne Myers	1
Roald Ovren	5	Roger Lund	1
Ron Parr	4	Orville Edmundson	1
Norm Miller	4	Wally Topper	1
Rich Ovren	4	Loren Loomis	1
Bob Olson	4	Marlin Mueller	1
Dan Plomedal	3	Dan Cook	1
John Loomis	3	Bob Talford	1
Don Frei	3	Jan Deetz	1
Lee Loomis	3	Wally Smith	1
Allen Schultz	3	Gary Brantner	1
Rod Miller	3	Don Engum	1
Ron Ford	2	Gerry Mai	1
Mike Lange	2	Bill Wagner	1
Marlowe Siler	2	Lloyd Benner	1
Gary Smith	2	Darrel Solberg	1
Geo. McFadden, Jr	2	Ron Solberg	1
Gary Smith	2		
Duane Schultz	2		

Total Runs and Runs per game average - plus opposition runs

Team	Total Runs	Game Average	Opponents Runs	Game Average
McFaddens	894	18.6	578	12
Loomis Livestock	732	15.3	534	11.1
Loomis Eau Claire	732	15.3	637	13.3
Co-op Shoppers	731	15.2	646	13.5
Hays Construction	623	13	640	13.3
Hartl Produce	552	11.5	587	12.2
5 O'Clock Club	546	11.4	709	14.8
Kerns Super Foods	519	10.8	676	14
Beguhns Feed Mill	339	7.1	645	13.4

All-Star Team

Arlyn Solberg, Capt.
Orville Edmundson
Roald Ovren
Don Frei
Bob Olson
Vern Gifford
Ron Solberg
Rick Lund
Lloyd Benner

Alternates

Dan Plomedal
Allen Schultz
Dan Miller
John Loomis
Mike Lange
Gary Smith
Marlin Mueller
Duane Schultz
Ron Ford
Lee Loomis
Roger Lund
Ron Parr

The 1973-74 season was another good one and the caliber of play continues to improve. For some teams and individuals it was a very rewarding year, for others, - frustration, so it will always be.

McFaddens, after falling off a bit last year, came on like gangbusters in the 2nd. half and won handily, having their finest year ever, averagewise. They finished with a .519 team average (new league record). As usual they dominated most of the team and individual statistics. They scored 88 runs in one match (2nd. highest on record), - Scored 41 runs in one game (season high), - Averaged 18.6 runs per game (league record), - Had 5 hitters with averages over .500 and had 5 of the top 7 hitters in the league, - Had the singles leader in Bob Walters, - Had the triples leader in Rich Ovren, - Had the RBI leader in Rich Ovren and the most hits leader in Bob Walters.

LOOMIS LIVESTOCK were leading much of the season, were upset by Kerms on Jan. 21st, dropped to 2nd and could not overtake the red-hot Mc's down the stretch. They finished a strong second and will no doubt be back in the thick of it next year.

Loomis Eau Claire (last years state champs) and a real bunch of "holler guys", made a strong bid for the league title, finishing in a tie with Co-op for 3rd. and winning it in a playoff. They finished 3rd. in the Oshkosh tournament just completed Feb. 24 and came off with another trophy for their growing collection.

Co-op Shoppers went into an unexplainable slump (it happens to everyone, sometime) in the 2nd. half and finished up 4th, but judging from their showing at Oshkosh (they won it this year with a super performane). They had 4 consecutive 18 run games (all 7 inning) and batted well over .500 as a team. They won it against some real tough competition. With nothing but first class people and hitters, they'll be back next year and probably very tough to handle I'd guess.

Hartl Produce had a strong team and if they can develop a little more consistency should be a contender. They were hurt when a couple of their top hitters (named Don and Dan Miller) unavoidably missed several matches.

Hays Construction came on real strong after a slow start and at the end of the season were one of the top teams in the league. They are good sportsme, good hitters with plenty of fire and a real credit to the league. They'll have to be reckoned with next year.

5 O'Clock Club have real good personell, displaying excellent sportsmanship, but had the misfortune of coming up against their opponent when they were at their best. They had more runs scored against them than any team in the league - 709. They improved considerably over last year and with some luck from the other side of the register, for a change, could be a contender.

Kerms Super Foods in the 1st. half, with less than a full team to start on several nights, got off to a miserable start. They averaged a little more than 8 runs per game while winning 5 and losing 19, but they didn't fold their tent. About midseason, they changed captains, picked up a couple of pretty fair hitters and under their new captain, Ron Solberg, averaged about 14 runs per game in the 2nd. half. Where they had been "patsies" earlier, they showed that they were capable of playing with the best. Like 5 O'Clock they also met their opponents when they were the hottest. They should improve next year over their finish this year.

Beguhns Feed Mill as fine a group of gentlemen as you'll find anywhere. wound up in the cellar again. However, they also showed some improvement this year (about 2 runs more per game) and with a little help could relinquish that last spot to someone else.

LEAGUE RECORDS

1. - Overall league batting average was .458 (new league record)
2. - Team average runs per game was 13.1 (new league record)
3. - 29 individual players had season averages of .500 or better (new league record)
4. - McFadens and Co-op Shoppers scored a total of 145 runs in a match (new league record)
5. - Don Frei had 17 consecutive hits (new league record) *2 nites*
6. - 40 different players came up with one or more honor counts, 93 total. (league record)

ODDITIES

Loomis Livestock and Loomis Eau Claire eached totaled 732 runs for the season while Co-op Shoppers were one behind with 731

11-5-73 - Dan Plomedal missed dartball - Took off to get married. Is that more fun than dartball Dannie?

Hey, here's another, - Don Frei also missed a night of dartball. to get married. What's happening here? Is dartball losing it's popularity? I would think that you fellows could take care of these things in the off season.

AFTERTHOUGHTS WORTH MENTIONING

1-28-74 - The league scored a total of 377 runs in 4 matches, an average of almost 16 runs per game per team.

Several players had 14 or more hits in a match. Rich Ovren led with 3, Don Frei 2, Bob Olson 2, Roald Ovren 2, Rodger Miller 2, Rod Miller 2 and one each for Arlyn Solberg, Geo. McFadden, Jr., Lee Loomis, Mike Lange, Duane Schultz, Dan Cook, Bob Telford, Gary Brantner, Bob Walters, Ron Parr, Gerry Mai and Norm Miller. - That's some kind of hitting

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We had some pretty good father and son combinations in the league this year.

Roald Ovren hit .573 - Rich Ovren hit .595

Rodger Miller hit .580 - Rod Miller hit .583

Don Miller hit .487 - Dan Miller hit .520

Everett Loomis hit .432 - John Loomis hit .520

Wally Smith hit .440 - Gary Smith hit .514

That figures out to a .546 average for the sons and .502 for the fathers. Looks like the old boys are going to have to give way to the younger generation.

Thanks to the scorers and captains for their co-opation on statistics and hi-lites. Hope I didn't overlook anything that was turned in to me.

Got anything for the betterment of the league? Don't hesitate to let your captains and officers know your ideas. What would you think of a split season with a 1st. and 2nd. half champion and a playoff (if necessary) for the 1st. and 3rd. place trophies? The losers in these playoff matches would pickup the 2nd. and 4th. place trophies.

Also, how about an extra point each match for the team totaling the most runs in a set ($\frac{1}{2}$ point each in case of a tie).

Best of luck to all of you next year and may the best team win. But win or lose let's not forget that it's only a game so have a little fun along the way.

Any opinions expressed in this report are strictly the opinion of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the opinions of the other officers, captains and league personell. Thanks again.-

Sincerely,

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