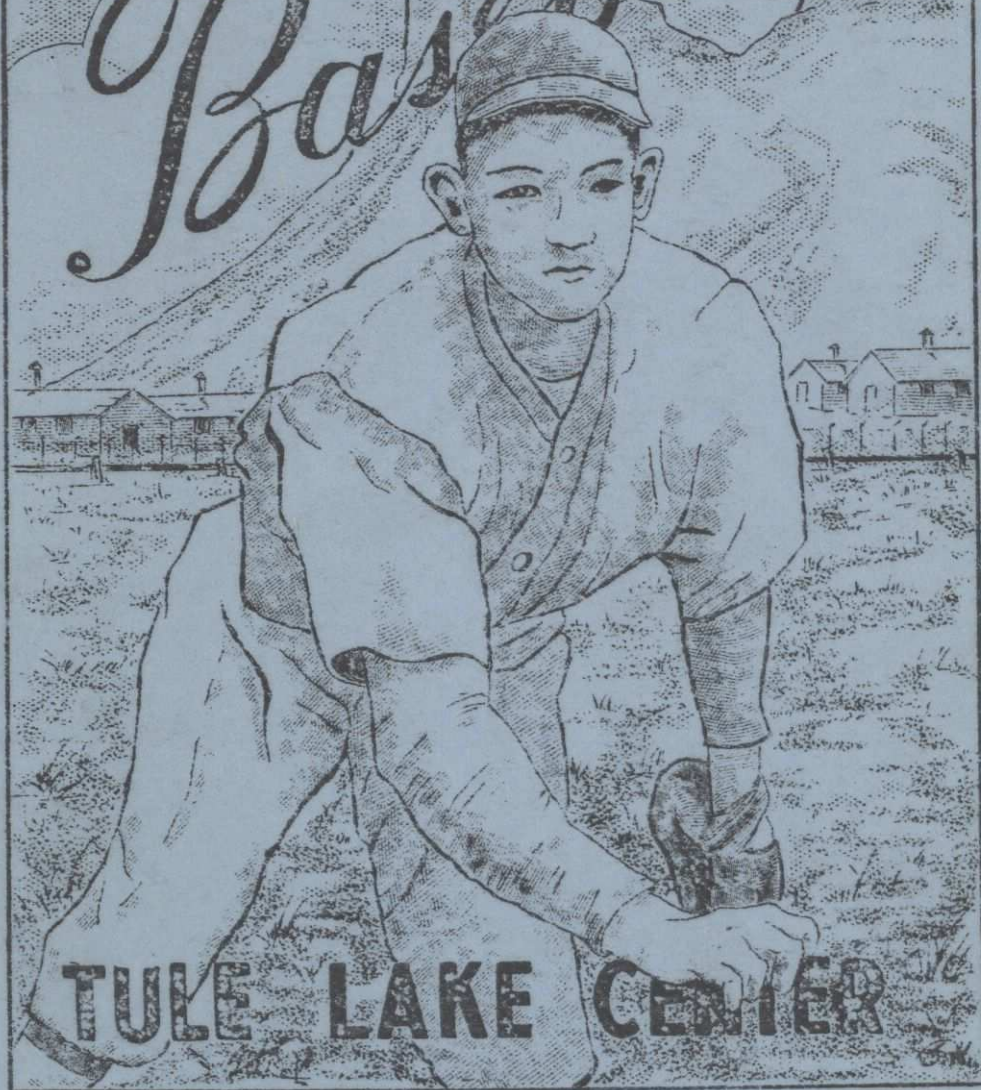


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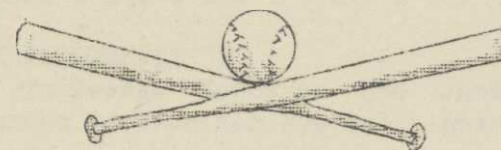


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A black and white photograph of a man in a hard hat and safety vest, looking down at a large, dark, textured object (possibly a plate or piece of equipment) that he is holding or inspecting. The background shows a construction site with wooden framing. The man is wearing a light-colored long-sleeved shirt under a dark safety vest. He is holding the object with both hands, and his expression is one of concentration. The object is large and has a rough, possibly metallic or stone-like texture. The background consists of vertical wooden studs and horizontal planks, suggesting an interior construction site. The lighting is somewhat dim, with shadows on the man's face and the object. The overall tone is serious and focused.

THE BASEBALL ASSOCIATION

The Tule Lake Baseball Association, the first of its kind in this center, governed the two Class A circuits on a 50-50 basis with the CA Athletic Dept. in 1944.



Dr. Nakamura

Dr. Yoshio Nakamura headed the body, which was organized prior to the inauguration of the two major loops. The association's purpose was threefold: (1) To raise funds to help maintain the leagues since the amount allotted to the CA Athletic Dept. by the WRA was inadequate. (2) To promote sportsmanship. (3) To keep up the morale of the residents.

Cabinet members during its first year of operation included Dr. Yoshio Nakamura, president; Ed Tsukimura, vice-president; George Yamashiro, secretary; Kiichi Yoshida, Koziro Wada, treasurers.

Board members were Spencer Matsui, Manzanar; Ed Tsukimura, Jerome; Ray Yasukochi, Showas; Minoru Taira, Guadalupe; Kiichi Yoshida (deceased), T.L. Nippons; Masaji Tanaka, Sakuras; Robert Ikegami, Poston; Hank Furukawa, Wakabas; Minoru Nakano, Hawaii; Koziro Wada, Miyakos and Mikasas; K. Tanaka, Asahis; George Yamashiro, Seinen Dan; Ted Matsuoka, Oak Park.

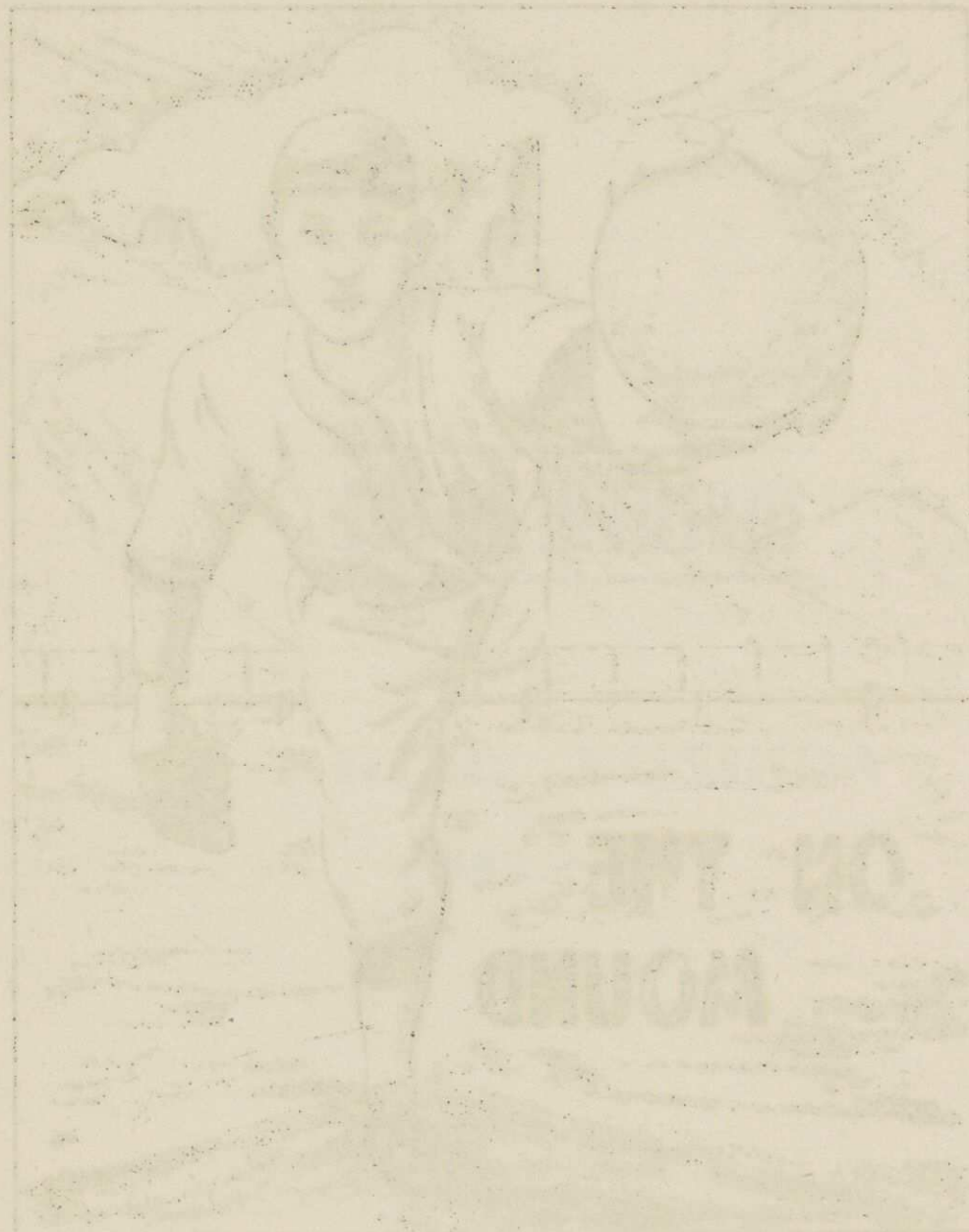
The cabinet and board members constituted the Tule Lake Baseball Association in its entirety.

IN MEMORIAM

KIICHI YOSHIDA

1889 — 1944





OFFICIAL PITCHING RECORDS OF 1944

Step Tomooka of the champion Guadalupe nine, with seven wins and no defeats, was the pitching king of 1944. The lanky righthander was followed by T.L. Nippons' Junius Sakuma, who led the Taiheiyo circuit with six victories and no losses. Lefty Nishimura, Yosh Shimada, Hank Ogawa (Asahis), Bill Horimoto, Atsushi Kagiya and Masanao Okamoto also concluded their mound campaigns with clean slates.

The hardest-working pitcher was also to be found in the Taiseiyo League. It was Poston's Hiroshi Sasano, who participated in 15 games, winning nine and losing six for a .667 percentage. Tom Kiriu of the Sakuras pitched in nine games to become the "rubber arm" man of the Taiheiyo League in 1944.

Junius Sakuma struckout 43 to lead the Taiheiyo circuit, and Spike Muraoka of Oak Park and later of the Miyakos gave up the largest amount of walks, 40. However, the Taiseiyo Leaguers captured both 'championships'. Hiroshi Sasano fanned 75, and Seinen Dan's Yukio Murakami walked 44 so that even in whiffing and walking the edge was with the Taiseiyo League.

OFFICIAL TAISEIYO LEAGUE PITCHING RECORDS (Compiled by CA Athletic Dept.)

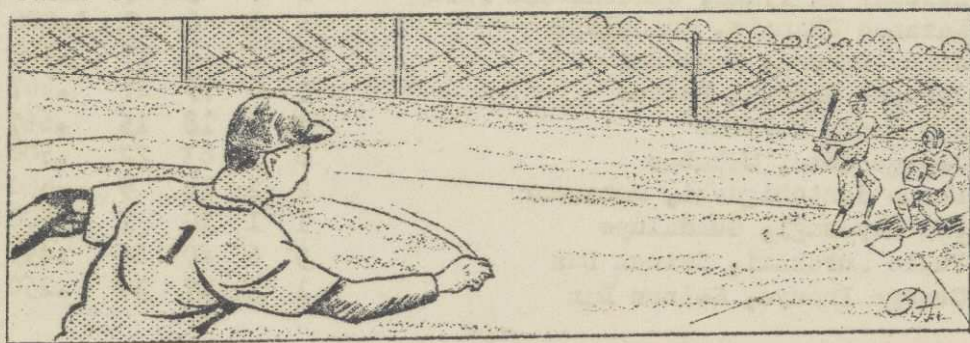
	W	L	SO	W	Pct.
James Tomooka, Guadalupe	7	0	28	9	1.000
Lefty Nishimura, Guadalupe	5	0	29	9	1.000
Bill Horimoto, Manzanar	1	0	6	7	1.000
Atsushi Kagiya, Wakabas-Oak Park	1	0	9	9	1.000
Masanao Okamoto, Guadalupe	1	0	6	3	1.000
Jimmy Tamura, Manzanar	7	3	40	17	.700
Hiroshi Sasano, Poston	9	6	75	27	.667
Kay Hada, Wakabas	2	1	18	15	.667
George Goto, Wakabas	6	6	63	22	.500
Masao Santohigashi, Manzanar	2	2	16	9	.500
Joe Koyanagi, Guadalupe	1	1	10	7	.500
Yukio Murakami, Seinen Dan	5	6	49	44	.455
George Inouye, Seinen Dan	1	3	17	34	.250

Hiroshi Uyehara, Hawaii-Jerome	2	7	26	21	.222
Seibo Fujii, Poston-Wakabas	0	0	8	18	.000
Hideoaki Matsunaga					

OFFICIAL TAIHEIYO LEAGUE PITCHING RECORDS

(Compiled by CA Athletic Dept.)

	W	L	SO	W.	Pct.
Junius Sakuma, T.L. Nippons	6	0	43	10	1.000
Yosh Shimada, T.L. Nippons	4	0	16	17	1.000
Hank Ogawa, Asahis	2	0	4	5	1.000
Eiy Watanabe, Sakuras	4	1	15	9	.800
Motoo Tsuda, T.L. Nippons	2	1	26	16	.667
James Tanigawa, Jerome	4	4	39	20	.500
Yosh Uyooka, Asahis	4	4	28	31	.500
James Daijogo, Asahis	1	1	4	7	.500
Oscar Itani, Miyakos-Mikasas	1	1	5	5	.500
Johnny Nakao, Miyakos-Mikasas	1	1	13	15	.500
Tom Kiriu, Sakuras	3	6	38	31	.333
John Horio, Asahis-Mikasas	2	6	31	37	.250
Miss Kataoka, Showas	2	6	30	24	.250
Spike Muraoka, Miyakos-Oak Park	1	6	35	40	.143
Merv Matsuoka, Showas	0	1	0	2	.000
George Nakano, Asahis	0	1	2	2	.000
Masaji Tanaka, Sakuras	0	1	0	2	.000
Tommy Honda, Showas	0	2	10	17	.000
Nob Sasaki, Jerome	0	2	5	8	.000
Mas Yamamoto, Oak Park	0	2	6	6	.000
Hank Ogawa, Showas	0	3	16	19	.000
Frank Uyeda, Miyakos-Oak Park	0	3	33	23	.000
Yasuo Tanaka					



James Saburo Tomooka, better known in baseball circles as "Step", made his pitching debut in 1944 and wound up the season as the leading hurler in both leagues. NEVER PITCHED BEFORE

Early in the season, injuries to Joe Koyanagi and Lefty Nishimura left Guadalupe without a reliable starter. Manager Tadasu Nishi met the situation with a rabbit out of his hat. He carefully groomed the five-foot 10-inch first sacker. Step had never chucked before, but you couldn't make the Sakuras believe it on May 14. Using his speed and fine control effectively, the lanky lad allotted the Sakuras but four

hits to win, 6 to 1. Step went on to win six more tilts for the champions and was undefeated at the end of the season.

"HATES" GEORGE NISHIKAWA

Of all the batters he faced, Step found Poston's George Nishikawa especially "pesky", for, as he put it, "George hits almost any kind of ball."

Asked what his hobby was, the Pitching King was non-committal, but Cousin Yoshito replied, "It's collecting pin-up girls."

And there in a nutshell is the story of James Saburo Tomooka, the first sacker who became the leading moundsman of the Class A nines in 1944.

BEST INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES

TAIHEIYO LEAGUE

(Compiled by Newell Star from Official CA Scorebooks)

BATTING: Keizo Komura, T.L. Nippons, .364. Sumito Horio, Asahis, .352.

RUNS: Sumito Horio, Asahis, 16. Glenn Yamasaki, T.L. Nippons, 16.

HITS: Keizo Komura, T.L. Nippons, 20. Eddie Masuoka, Asahis, 20.

DOUBLES: Hunter Doi, Jerome, 4. Jimmy Enkoji, Miyakos, 3. Sumito Horio, Asahis, 3.

TRIPLES: Kaz Shibata, Jerome, 4. Eddie Masuoka, Asahis, 3. Min Tokumoto, Jerome, 3.

HOME RUNS: Eddie Masuoka, Asahis, 5. Bill Hattori, Sakuras, 2. Herv Matsuoka, Showas, 2. Yosh Negi, T.L. Nippons, 2.

STOLEN BASES: Kaz Hiromoto, Asahis, 14. Bud Nakao, Asahis, 13.

PITCHING: Junius Sakuma, T.L. Nippons, 6-0. Yosh Shimada, T.L. Nippons, 4-0.

TAISEIYO LEAGUE

(Compiled by Newell Star from Official CA Scorebooks)

BATTING: Masao Iriyama, Guadalupe, .421. Ryo Kashiwagi, Wakabas, .404.

RUNS: Massy Tomooka, Guadalupe, 25. Jack Hayashida, Wakabas, 21.

HITS: Sakae Ogata, Seinen Dan, 26. Masao Iriyama, Guadalupe, 24. Atsushi Kagiya, Wakabas, 24.

DOUBLES: George Hattori, Manzanar, 4. Ted Miyamoto, Poston, 4.

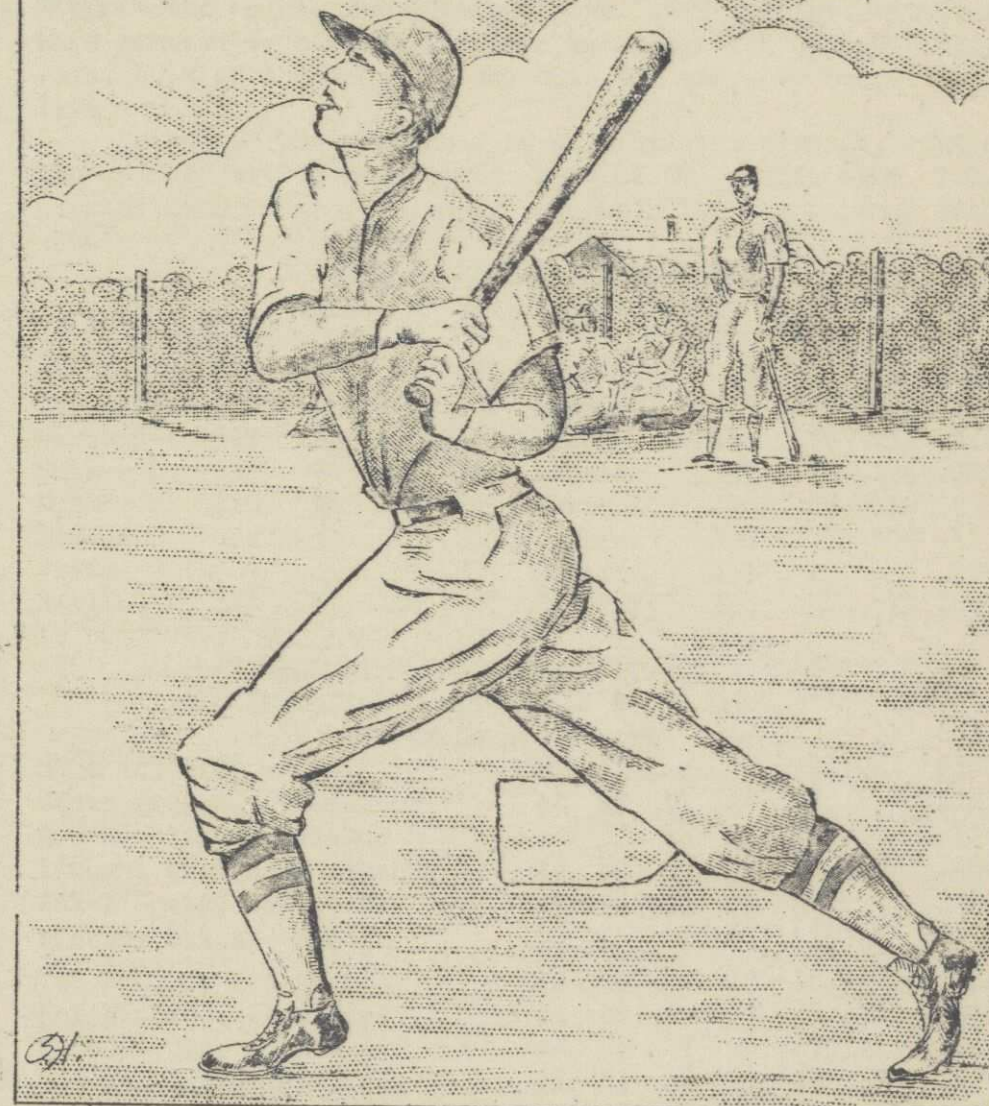
TRIPLES: Morio Hada, Wakabas, 5. Ozzie Wishida, Manzanar, 4.

HOME RUNS: Ryo Kashiwagi, Wakabas, 4. Jack Hayashida, Wakabas, 3. Sakae Ogata, Seinen Dan, 3.

STOLEN BASES: Massy Tomooka, Guadalupe, 19. Jack Hayashida, Wakabas, 13.

PITCHING: Step Tomooka, Guadalupe, 7-0. Lefty Nishimura, Guadalupe, 5-0.

BATTER UP!



OFFICIAL 1944 BATTING AVERAGES

Masao Iriyama, agile shortstopper of Guadalupe, copped the 1944 batting title with 24 hits in 57 official times at the plate for a tempestuous .421 average. He was hard pressed by hard-hitting Ryo Kashiwagi and Atsushi Kagi-yama, both of the Wakabas, who hit .404 and .400 respectively.

Iriyama, who performed in the Taiseiyo circuit, ended the season with a commanding lead of 57 points over T.L. Nippons' Keizo Komura, Taiheiyo League's leading batsman with .364.

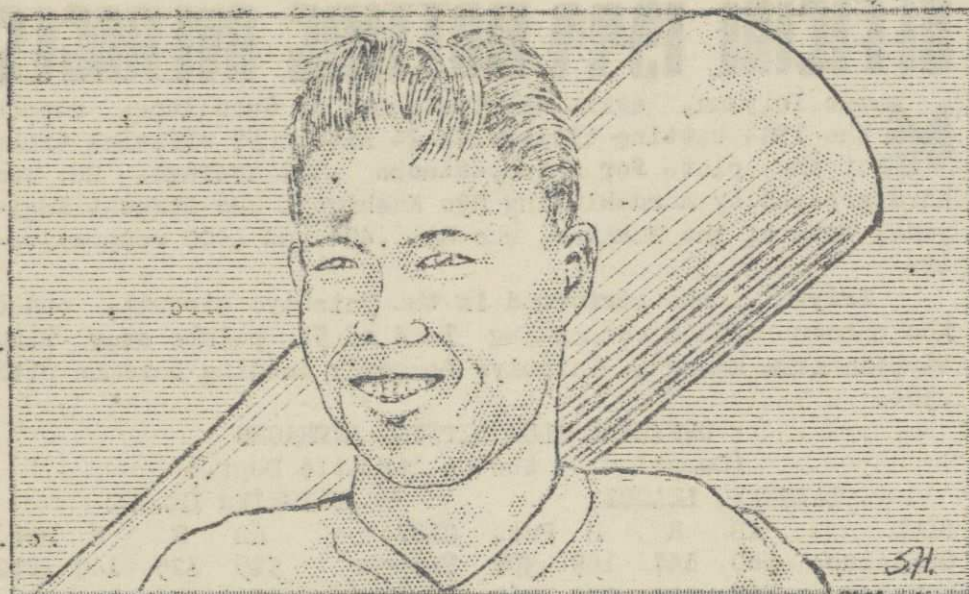
OFFICIAL CLUB BATTING AVERAGES (Compiled by the CA Athletic Dept.)

TAISEIYO LEAGUE					TAIHEIYO LEAGUE				
CLUB	AB	R	H	Pct.	CLUB	AB	R	H	Pct.
Guadalupe	560	147	169	.302	Nippons	515	125	140	.272
Wakabas	527	120	142	.269	Showas	476	76	118	.248
Seinen Dan	533	94	138	.259	Asahis	537	90	129	.240
Manzanar	510	96	129	.253	Jerome	498	65	110	.221
Mikasas	312	53	79	.253	Sakuras	490	77	108	.220
Poston	503	85	119	.237	Miyakos	137	27	30	.219
Hawaii	168	17	28	.167	Oak Park	348	45	71	.204

OFFICIAL TAISEIYO LEAGUE BATTING AVERAGES (Compiled by the CA Athletic Dept.)

Ten Games or More									
NAME AND CLUB	G	AB	R	H	TB	HR	Pct.		
Masao Iriyama, Guadalupe	14	57	13	24	33	1	.421		
Ryo Kashiwagi, Wakabas	14	52	18	21	35	4	.404		
Atsushi Kagiya, Wakabas	15	60	10	24	28	0	.400		
Sakae Ogata, Seinen Dan	15	67	20	26	37	3	.388		
Hiroshi Sasano, Poston	15	56	12	21	23	0	.375		
Tee Kanoto, Manzanar	10	35	8	13	18	0	.371		
Kei Nishino, Guadalupe	14	61	16	22	29	1	.361		
Mich Mizuno, Seinen Dan	14	58	7	20	27	1	.345		
George Tanura, Manzanar	15	53	18	18	20	0	.340		

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Batting King Masao Iriyama first broke into the line-light at the age of 10 when his outstanding performances as third baseman and pitcher won him much praise while attending Minabe Elementary School.

Minabe of Wakayama Ken is located within Kiwa zone, one of Japan's foremost ball-player producing areas (Tokai, San'yo and Shikoku zones are also well noted).

In 1939, he rejoined his older brother in Guadalupe, Calif. and teamed up with the local YLBA nine. A hot corner guardian the first year, he was then converted into a shortstop and has been one

ever since.

While cavorting for Santa Maria High School, the five-foot four-and-one-half inch youth discovered that his pronounced pull hitting resulted in too many pop flies and dribblers. With that in mind, the 130-pound shortstop always strives to send baseballs cutting the inside corner into left field and the outside ones into right field territory.

During the 1944 season, the Batting Champ had much respect for Showas' Hiss Kataoka, although he managed to hit safely in every league fray with his 34-inch Ted Williams model war club.

OFFICIAL BATTING AVERAGES OF 1944

(continued from page 13)

Don Uchikura, Wakabas	15	57	16	19	19	0	.333
Jack Hayashida, Wakabas	15	62	21	20	32	3	.323
Lefty Nishimura, Guadalupe	11	38	9	12	15	0	.316
Tak Takahashi, Manzanar	10	32	9	10	12	0	.313
Bob Hayashida, Wakabas	15	63	13	19	28	2	.302
George Nishikawa, Poston	15	60	12	18	23	0	.300

Less Than Ten Games

NAME AND CLUB	G	AB	R	H	TB	HR	Pct.
Tom Sakamoto, Guadalupe	8	22	8	13	17	0	.591
Masanao Okamoto, Guadalupe	4	8	2	4	6	0	.500
Tadashi Hashimoto, Hawaii	2	2	0	1	1	0	.500
Hiro Uyeda, Manzanar	1	2	0	1	1	0	.500
Shizuo Motoyama, Poston	3	5	2	2	4	0	.400
Ray Mizuno, Seinen Dan	9	18	1	6	6	0	.333
Toshio Ichinose, Guadalupe	2	3	1	1	1	0	.333

OFFICIAL TAIHEIYO LEAGUE BATTING AVERAGES

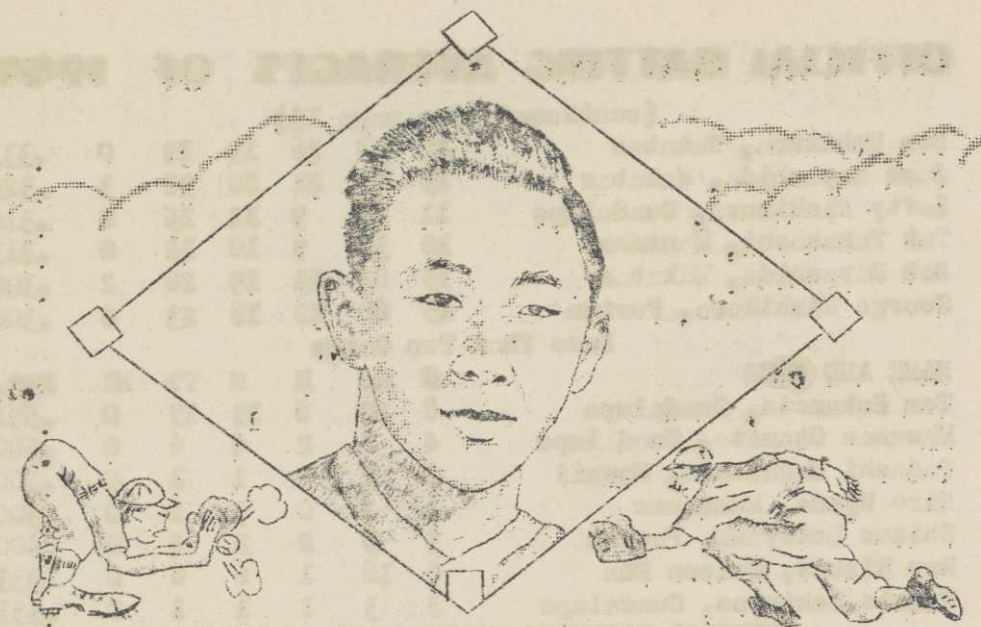
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Ten Games or More

NAME AND CLUB	G	AB	R	H	TB	HR	Pct.
Keizo Komura, T.L. Nippons	14	55	12	20	23	0	.364
Sumito Horio, Asahis-Mikasas	14	54	16	19	26	0	.352
Merv Matsuoka, Showas	14	54	10	19	29	2	.352
Jimmy Enkoji, Miyakos-Mikasas	13	51	12	17	20	0	.333
Fred Okusako, Miyakos-Mikasas	14	43	5	14	20	1	.326
Eddie Masuoka, Asahis	15	62	13	20	41	5	.323
Aki Hada, Showas	14	51	7	16	19	0	.314
George Nakao, Miyakos-Mikasas	12	42	7	13	19	1	.310
Yosh Negi, T.L. Nippons	14	52	13	16	25	2	.308
Shimao Miyamoto, Oak Park	10	39	6	12	16	0	.308

Less Than Ten Games

NAME AND CLUB	G	AB	R	H	TB	HR	Pct.
Bob Higashi, T.L. Nippons	1	1	0	1	1	0	1.000
Goro Moriyama, Jerome	8	29	7	11	17	1	.388
Roy Kurahara, Showas	9	30	8	11	17	1	.367
Johnny Nakao, Miyakos-Mikasas	8	14	1	5	5	0	.357
Tom Kuroda, T.L. Nippons	2	3	0	1	1	0	.333
George Gekko, Showas	6	13	1	4	4	0	.308



Ryo Kashiwagi, King of the Sluggers in 1944, took up baseball because his father loved the game and wanted him to take it up.

A "natural", Ryo stepped into the shortstop role with the Penryn (Calif.) YMA ninio at the age of 15 and poled his first four-master in that year. However, the husky five-foot six-inch lad never was noted for his slugging ability. Then came 1944.

GOES ON RAMPAGE

The Wakaba third sacker went on a rampage to register four home runs and one three-bagger during the first half to become the scourge of his

opponents.

In the second half, the 22-year-old hot corner artist decided that his healthy cuts resulted in too many strikeouts; thus, just tried to meet the ball each time instead. The result was a second half figure of .533, which brought his seasonal percentage to .404 and runner-up honors in the hitting parade.

HARDEST TO HIT

Ryo named Asahis' Yosh Uyeoka as the hardest to hit during the past year with his Barney McCosky war club.

He is also an accomplished football player and weightlifter.

LEADING CLASS A SLUGGERS OF 1944

The fans are too often inclined to judge a player's value by the batting average he compiles during the season.

But slugging averages, which are based on the number of total bases per trip to the plate, often tell a hidden story. They usually indicate the players who are striving for extra bases and are driving in the runs.

Ryo Kashiwagi, who placed second in the batting race, led the Class A distance hitters with a hefty .673 slugging average. High man in the Taiheiyō circuit was Home Run King Eddio Masuoka with a slugging figure of .661.

TAIHEIYO LEAGUE SLUGGING AVERAGES

(Compiled by Newell Star from Official CA Scorebooks)

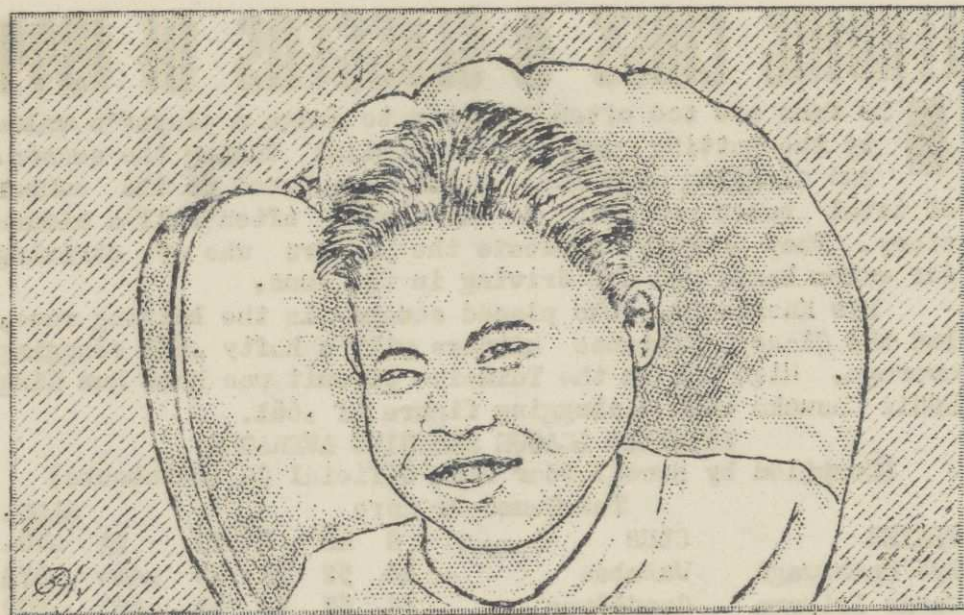
PLAYER	CLUB	Ten Games or More						SLUG.
		G	AB	H	TB	BA	AVG.	
Ryo Kashiwagi	Wakabas	14	52	21	35	.404	.673	
Masao Iriyama	Guadalupe	14	57	24	33	.421	.579	
Sakae Ogata	Seinen Dan	15	67	26	37	.388	.552	
Morio Hada	Wakabas	15	58	16	32	.276	.552	
Jack Hayashida	Wakabas	15	62	20	32	.323	.516	
Tee Kamoto	Manzanar	10	35	13	18	.371	.514	
Ted Miyamoto	Poston	15	55	16	27	.291	.491	
Kei Nishino	Guadalupe	14	61	22	29	.361	.475	
Kiyoshi Sasano	Poston	15	51	12	24	.235	.471	
Atsushi Kagiya	Wakabas-Oak Park	15	60	24	28	.400	.467	
Mich Mizuno	Seinen Dan	14	58	20	27	.345	.466	
Ozzie Nishida	Manzanar	14	40	9	18	.225	.450	
Hisao Nakahira	Seinen Dan	15	58	17	26	.293	.448	
Bob Hayashida	Wakabas	15	63	19	28	.302	.444	
Hiroshi Sasano	Poston	15	56	21	23	.375	.411	

TAIHEIYO LEAGUE SLUGGING AVERAGES

(Compiled by Newell Star from Official CA Scorebooks)

PLAYER	CLUB	Ten Games or More						SLUG.
		G	AB	H	TB	PA	AVG.	
Eddie Masuoka	Asahis	15	62	20	41	.323	.661	
Merv Matsuoka	Showas	14	54	19	29	.352	.537	

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Smacking out four-baggers is nothing out of the ordinary for Home Run King Eddie Masuoka. He's been belting 'em over the fence since his sophomore year at Tracy Union High School, Tracy, Calif.

12 HOMERS LAST YEAR

The robust Asahi catcher has been bagging nine circuit clouts per season for quite a spell now. The five-foot five-and-one-half inch, 173-pound rocciver hit an all-time peak of 12 last year playing for the Vacaville Roughriders; Gila Camp #1 champions, but says, "This is the first year I've hit two homers in

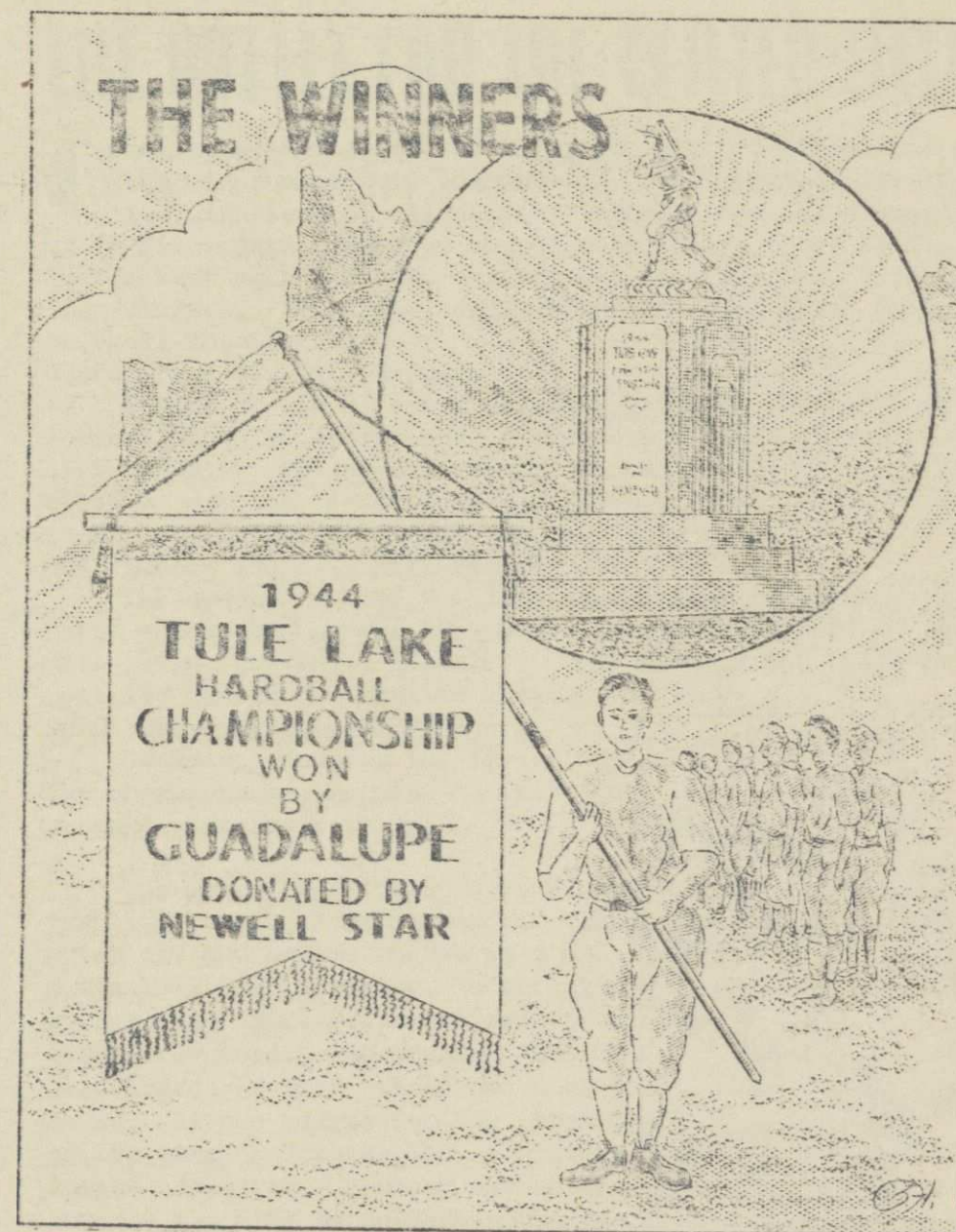
one game." (He did it twice against Oak Park.)

TAMURA TOUGHEST

Because of his unorthodox style of pitching, Jimmy Tamura's assortment of tantalizing curves and sliders are the toughest to get a toehold on, according to Eddie, who wields a 36-inch Rogers Hornsby hickory stick at the plate.

ONCE A CHUCKER

He once did mound chores, just as the Sultan of Swat was a chucker during the early days of his Major League career. Eddie turned receiver while performing for the French Camp YBA in 1939. He's been one ever since.



THE BATTLE FOR THE CENTER TITLE

Guadalupe, titlist of the Taiseiyo circuit and winner of the mid-summer July tournament, distinguished itself as the mightiest of all center baseball nines, climaxing their five-month unmatched campaign by taking three straight in the September playoffs against the T.L. Nippons, Taiheiyo flag winners, to easily claim the 1944 Tulo Lake Class A baseball championship.

GUADALUPE - 12, T.L. Nippons - 11

Equipped with a neatly arranged array of horsehide performers, the 1944 champions carved out a hard-earned 12 to 11 triumph in the opener after encountering surprisingly stiff opposition from their opponents to take a 1 to 0 lead in the series and a foothold on the flag.

GUADALUPE - 15, T.L. NIPPONS - 0

The second game of the lopsided series featured a wild goose chase by the T.L. Nippons. They were credited with nine goose eggs while Guadalupe went through the motions to post its second consecutive victory, 15 to 0.

GUADALUPE - 8, T.L. NIPPONS - 3

Guadalupe grabbed the finale and the championship, downing the Taiheiyo pennant winners, 8 to 3.

The momentous title series was paralleled by the Poston-Manzanar tilt which saw the squads engage in a dramatic 14-inning thriller, a struggle by far the most feverish and the longest on record. The lengthy battle was clocked at over three and a half hours. It was played for the purpose of breaking a second-place Taiseiyo League deadlock. Poston earned the coveted position by outlasting Manza-



nar, 8 to 5.

True rabidness of the local diamond fandom was unveiled during this colorful brawl which saw differences in opinion voiced by the spectators and fists fly between a few of the more rabid baseball followers. This incident gained center-wide recognition as well as the attention of out-of-town newspapers.

Jerome, runnerup in the Taiheiyō League and Poston dropped out of the playoffs in favor of the two league champions, Guadalupe and the T.L. Nippons.

Guadalupe's efforts in the championship series were recognized with the presentation of two banners by the Community Activities Section and the Newell Star.

BATTING, PITCHING RECORDS OF SERIES...

(Compiled by Newell Star)

GUADALUPE'S BATTING AND FIELDING AVERAGES

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	Pct.	PO	A	E	Pct.
M. Tomooka, lf	3	12	3	3	0	0	0	3	4	.250	7	0	0	1.000
Y. Tomooka, rf	3	11	6	4	1	0	0	5	0	.364	5	0	0	1.000
Nishino, 2b	3	15	7	6	0	1	1	11	5	.400	7	9	1	.941
Iriyama, ss	3	17	5	4	1	0	0	5	4	.235	8	8	3	.842
J. Tomooka, lb,p	3	16	3	8	0	2	0	12	6	.500	25	0	0	1.000
I. Tomooka, cf	3	11	4	3	0	1	0	5	2	.272	10	0	0	1.000
Sorakubo, c	3	11	0	2	0	0	0	2	2	.182	9	0	0	1.000
Nishimura, p,lb	3	7	2	3	0	0	0	3	1	.429	8	3	1	.917
Sakamoto, 3b	3	13	3	5	0	1	0	7	2	.385	2	6	1	.889
Koyanagi, p	1	4	2	3	1	1	0	6	4	.750	0	3	0	1.000
Murakami, rf	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
TOTAL	118	35								.347				.948

T.L. NIPPONS' BATTING AND FIELDING AVERAGES

	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	RBI	Pct.	PO	A	E	Pct.
Kawano, cf	3	14	2	4	0	0	0	4	0	.286	8	0	0	1.000
Yamasaki, 2b	3	11	2	5	0	0	0	5	0	.455	6	11	2	.895
J. Shimada, ss	3	12	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	.083	7	8	3	.833
Negi, lb	3	12	3	5	2	0	0	7	3	.417	24	1	0	1.000

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ALL STARS CONQUER GUADALUPE NINE

In a dramatic game that officially brought the 1944 season to a close, the center All Stars conquered the champion Guadalupe nine, 4 to 3, before an overflowing crowd on September 24.

Kaz Hiromoto's sizzling three-bagger into left with Hiroshi Sasano on base gave the All Stars their margin of victory. The payoff blow came in the seventh after three runs had already crossed the scoring station.

Joe Koyanagi, who had given up only two hits and had held the All Stars scoreless for six frames walked Sumito Horio. Toe Kamoto laid one down the first base line. Step Tomooka juggled it and all hands were safe. Bob Hayashida sacrificed, moving Horio to third and Kamoto to second. Joe Koyanagi then uncorked a wild pitch which sent Horio across the plate and advanced Kamoto to third. Red Tanaka pilfered the middle station after receiving an Annie Oakley. Yosh Negi popped up to Nishino for the second out. Sasano lined one to Masao Iriyama, but the usually reliable shortstopper dropped it and followed with a wild throw to the hot corner. Before the champs had regained their composure, Kamoto and Tanaka tallied; thus setting the stage for the decisive blow by Hiromoto.



Four runs scored in that wild inning on one hit, three errors and two walks. The All Stars were held scoreless the rest of the way, but they made their lead stick for the champs could only muster three runs. The center titlists got their tallies in one's, chalking up solos in the first, third and seventh frames.

Sasano, who pitched the last five innings for the All Stars, was the winning pitcher. The lanky righthander gave up four hits and one run. He fanned four. George

Goto, who twirled the first four frames, was touched for five hits and two runs. He struck out two.

Loser's Joe Koyanagi pitched a magnificent four-hitter but luck was against him. Koyanagi was no doubt in full accord with Lefty Gomez that day. Gomez always maintained, "I'd rather be lucky than good."

Those picked by the managers to play for the All Stars were as follows: This list does not include T.L. Nippon players, since they were also scheduled to compete against the All Stars. PITCHER: Jimmy Tamura (M); Hiroshi Sasano (P); George Goto (W); Hiss Kataoka (S); Bay Watanabe (Sa); James Tanigawa (J); Hiroshi Uyehara (H); Yukio Murakami (SD); Spike Muraoka (Mi). CATCHER: Bob Hayashida (W); Yosh Fujii (M); Haruo Yamamoto (M); Sakao Yamashita (Sa); Eddie Masuoka (A). FIRST BASE: Morio Hada (W); Isao Hamada (A); Goro Moriyama (J); Boe Kataoka (S). SECOND BASE: Jimmy Enkoji (M); Don Uchikura (W); George Hattori (M); Geki Yamashita (Sa); Mich Mizuno (SD). SHORTSTOP: George Nakano (A); Kaz Shibata (J); George Tamura (M); Sat Ounc (Sa); Jimmy Suzuki (W). THIRD BASE: Ryo Kashiwagi (W); Sumito Horio (A); George Nishikawa (P); Sho Adachi (SD); James Daijogo (A). LEFT FIELD: Kaz Hiromoto (A); Tee Kamoto (M); Jack Hayashida (W); Fred Okusako (Mi). CENTER FIELD: Larry Hoshiko (A); Red Tanaka (Sa); Sakao Ogata (SD); Aki Hada (S). RIGHT FIELD: Hank Ogawa (S); Atsushi Kagiama (W); Ted Miyamoto (P); Yutaka Tokumoto (J).

LEGEND: A-Asahis; H-Hawaii; J-Jerome; M-Manzanar; Mi-Miyakos; P-Poston; Sa-Sakuras; SD-Seinen Dan; S-Showas; W-Wakabas.



THE JULY ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT

Tule Lake's Class A Taiheiyo and Taiseiyo Leagues paused during mid-summer to put on one of the season's prize baseball spectacles, the Elimination Tournament, which continued July 1 through July 4 while the center's diamond fandom watched the four-day elimination classic with keen enthusiasm.

GUADALUPE TAKES T.L. NIPPONS IN FINALS

The potent Guadalupe nine, in possession of some of the best diamond luminaries in the center, snagged the crowd-luring Fourth of July tourney by taking the measure of the T.L. Nippons, flag winners of the Taiheiyo League, 5 to 3, in the finals.

Guadalupe breezed into the finals, mauling Oak Park, 19 to 9, and Sakuras, 15 to 1. Victims of the T.L. Nippons were Poston, Asahis and the Mikasas.

SAKUMA TWIRLS TWIN BILL

That afternoon of July 4, rabid baseball followers from all corners of the project witnessed Junius Sakuma, ace southpaw flinger of the T.L. Nippons, demonstrate one of baseball's extraordinary feats. Braving the intense heat, the portsider hurled two complete games, a total of 17 innings. He toiled nine frames against the Mikasas in the opener and eight cantos against the savage-hitting Guadalupe outfit in the nightcap. Sakuma held the opposition scoreless for 15 innings in the two tilts.

T.L. Nippons' pride of the hurling corps was pitted against Mikasas' Johnny Nakao, another lefthander, in the curtain-raiser. The Taiheiyo League titlists sent six batters to the plate, touched Nakao for two singles and cashed in for two runs in the initial canto. They registered



their final tally in the third, from which point Mikasas' southpaw chucked a runless superb two-hitter for the remainder of the game.

Sakuma threw a nifty three-hitter against the Mikasas, fanned seven, issued no walks and blanked them, 3 to 0.

In the nightcap and the finale of the tournament, Sakuma again was given the call to handle mound duties, this time against the murderous Guadalupe stickers. Righthander Joe Koyanagi toed the slab for Guadalupe, Taiseiyo League champions.

T.L. Nippons' top lefthander silenced Guadalupe's consistent-hitting willow swingers for six innings and held a brief 1 to 0 lead after his teammates had pushed across a marker in their half of the sixth.

However, in the seventh, the winners of the classic shoved across three quick runs, highlighted by Catcher Popeye Sorakubo's circuit clout to take a 3 to 1 command of the tussle.

It was a gloomy situation for Sakuma and company but they came across with two runs in their half of the eighth to tie the ball game up at three-all.

HOME RUNS SHATTER T.L. NIPPON HOPES

Guadalupe's Yoshito Tomooka then opened the bottom of the eighth round with a homer off exhausted Sakuma, shattering T.L. Nippon's hopes for a triumph.

Masao Iriyama, center batting king, sewed up the contest with another four-bagger in the same stanza off the tired T.L. Nippon hurler, ending the scoring for the game at 5 to 3.

The winners were awarded a pennant by C.A.

Twelve horseshoe squads including Poston, Asahis, Guadalupe, T.L. Nippons, Seinen Dan, Mikasas, Jerome, Showas, Wakabas, Oak Park, Sakuras and Manzanar were entrants to the tourney.



CLASS A LEAGUES PLAY THREE-GAME SERIES

Taiseiyo Leaguers strengthened their claim of better ball players in the junior circuit by conquering the Taiheiyo Leaguers in the first and third games of a two-out-of-three affair in mid-September. In a doubleheader on September 17, the Taiseiyo squad took the opener, 1 to 0, but lost the chaser, 5 to 4. The following Saturday, the Taiseiyo nine captured the rubber game of the series with a stirring 6 to 5 triumph.

FIRST GAME

Four Taiheiyo errors in the sixth chapter gave the Taiseiyo squad the only run of the game and a 1 to 0 win in a game which featured tight pitching on both sides.

Not a Taiheiyo man reached third and only one got as far as second as George Goto and Hiroshi Sasano limited the losers to three singles. Hiss Kataoka and Yosh Uyeoka also hurled superb ball, holding their opponents to five bingles. Sasano received credit for the victory, while Uyeoka was charged with the loss.

SECOND GAME

In the seven-inning twilight afterpiece, a sizzling two-bagger by Sat Oune with the bases bulging in the last canto provided the Taiheiyo nine with a 5 to 4 win and evened the series.

Eay Watanabe, James Tanigawa and Yosh Uyeoka toed the slab for the victors. On the mound for the losers were Jimmy Tamura, Hiroshi Uehara and Step Tomooka. Winning pitcher was Tanigawa. His victim was Tomooka.

THIRD GAME

George Tamura punched out a two-ply blast into left



field with Hiroshi Sasano perched on second in the eighth to give the Taiseiyo League a 6 to 5 victory in the deciding game of the series. The Taiheiyō Leaguers butterfingored their way to defeat in that eighth inning, committing two boots which if not made would have retired the side without a run.

Jimmy Tamura and Sasano worked on the mound for the Taiseiyo aggregation. For the Taiheiyō nine, it was James Tanigawa, Yosh Uyeoka and Eay Watanabe. Sasano won his second victory of the series. Going down to defeat was Watanabe.

Those selected by the managers to compete for the respective sides were as follows:

TAISEIYO

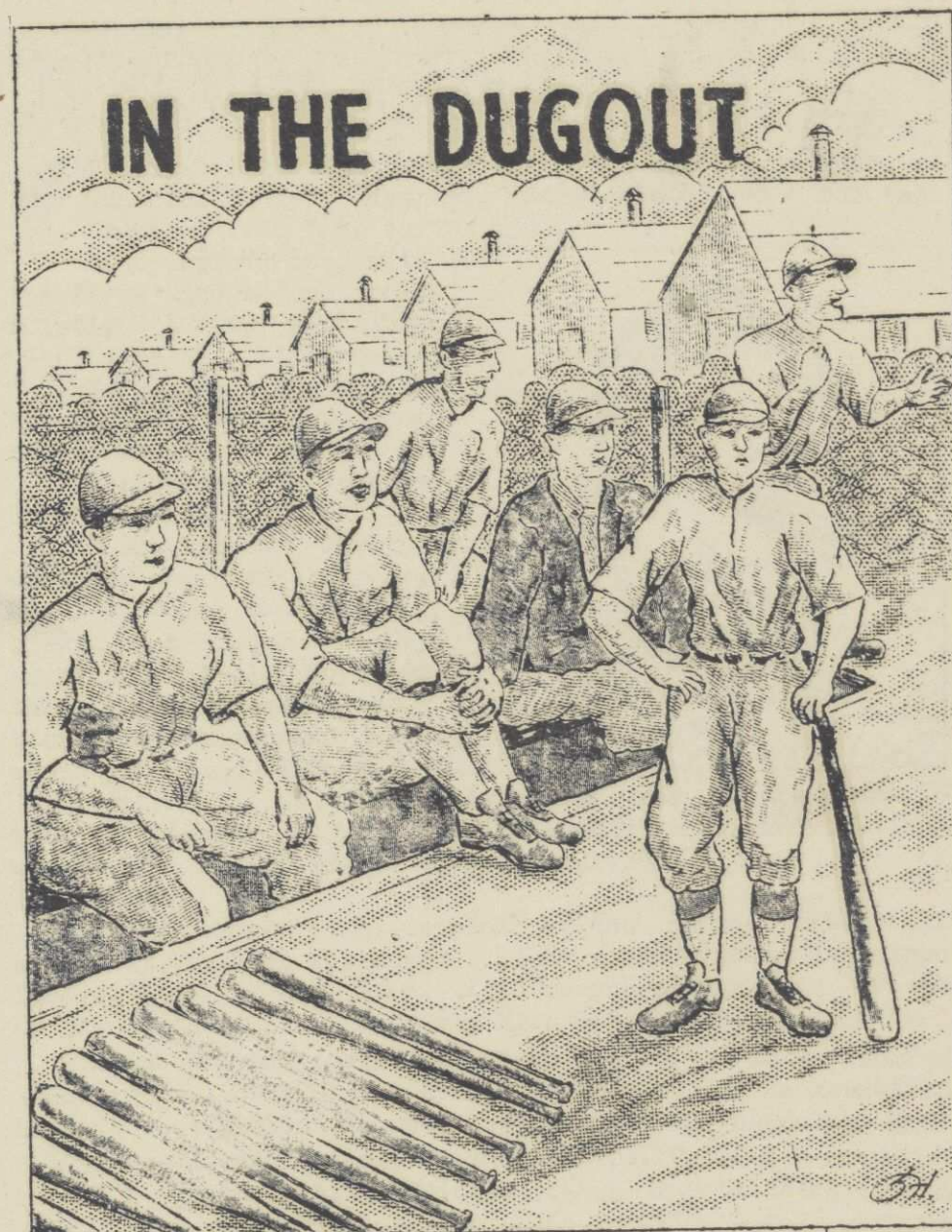
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LEGEND: G-Guadalupe; H-Hawaii; M-Manzanar; P-Poston; SD-Seinen Dan; W-Wakabas.

TAIHEIYO

PITCHER: Yosh Uyeoka (A); Junius Sakuma (N); James Tanigawa (J); Hiss Kataoka (S); Eay Watanabe (Sa); Spike Murakami (Mi). CATCHER: Haruo Yamamoto (Mi); Johnny Kimoto (N); Sakae Yamashita (Sa); Eddie Masuoka (A). FIRST BASE: Goro Moriyama (J); Boe Kataoka (S); Yosh Negi (N). SECOND BASE: Hank Ogawa (A); Jimmy Enkoji (Mi); Glenn Yamasaki (N). THIRD BASE: Sumito Horio (A); James Daijogo (A); Mits Domen (N); Jimmy Honda (S). SHORTSTOP: Sat Oune (Sa); George Nakao (Mi); Kaz Shibata (J). LEFT FIELD: Kaz Hiromoto (A); Keizo

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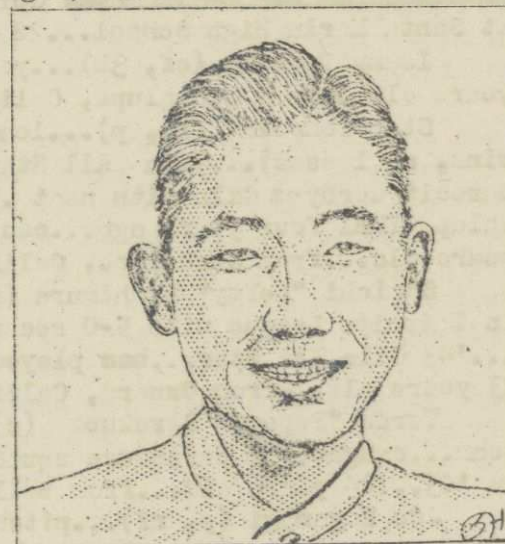
GUADALUPE



With eight magicians behind her solid quartet of twirlers Guadalupe gained complete dominance of the baseball front at Tule Lake during 1944.

Guadalupera away with the first and second half Taisciyo League gonfalon, wrapped up the Elimination Tournament in July and took the T.L. Nippens into camp three straight games in September for the center championship.

Massy Tomooka was the fielding genius of the year; Masao Iriyama the batting king; Step Tomooka, Lefty Nishimura and Joe Koyanagi three great chuckers on a team that possessed all-round punch and balance.



Veteran Tadasu Nishi piloted the nine to its pennant-winning heights. He was ably assisted by Coach Minoru Taira, who led the Hawaii YBA to victory in 1939.

THE ROSTER

Massy Tomooka (1f)...captain of the pennant winners...acclaimed the best flychaser...eight years with the Guadalupe YMBA... '43 Gila All Star...for two years San Luis Obispo League All Star at Santa Maria High School...23 years old.

Masao Iriyama (ss)...earned batting crown with sizzling .421 figure...only player to hit safely in 14 consecutive contests... '43 Gila All Star...five years in Guadalupe YMBA spangles...22 years old...from Guadalupe, Calif.

Kei Nishino (2b)...finished eighth in batting race with .361 mark...clubbed sphere for .365 in Gila to take runner-



up honors in '43... '43 Gila All Star...two-year veteran of the club...21 years old...from Guadalupe, Calif.

Yoshito Tomooka (rf)... blossomed out in Guadalupe uniform six years ago...San Luis Obispo League All Star one year at Santa Maria High School...22 years old.

Isamu Tomooka (cf, 3b)...youngest of Tomooka trio...19 years old...from Guadalupe, Calif. as other brothers are.

Step Tomooka (lb, p)...leading chucker of '44 (seven wins, no losses)...Gila All Star in '43...copped third in baschit derby at Gila with nont .350...first reported to Guadalupe YMBA four years ago...cousin of other Tomooka's...22 years old...from Guadalupe, Calif.

Shoichi "Lefty" Nishimura (p, lb)...right behind Tomooka in Taiheiyō League with 5-0 record...batted .316 as moundsman... '43 Gila All Star...has played for Koryō Chugaku, Japan...23 years old...from Oxnard, Calif.

Torao "Popeye" Sorakubo (c)...sole non-Californian on team...caught for Warehouse squad in '43...Tule Lake All Star in '43...24 years old...from Bellevue, Wash.

Joe Koyanagi (p, rf)...pitched no-hitter against Manzanar in practice tilt early in the season...sore arm bothered him most of the year...won one, lost one in league competition...only twirler to defeat T.L. Nippons twice...20 years old...from Pismo, Calif.

Konji "Tom" Sakamoto (3b)...batting average of .591 was highest of '44 but didn't see enough action to receive recognition as leading batsman...19 years old...from Oxnard, Calif.

Masano Okamoto (p)...overshadowed by Tomooka, Nishimura and Koyanagi in pitching roles...has played for Yamai Shōgyō, Japan...21 years old...from Lindsay, Calif.

James Murakami (cf)...20 years old...from Guadalupe, Calif.

Hide Taira (c)...27 years old...from Guadalupe, Calif.

Toshio Ichinose...utility infielder...19 years old...from Inglewood, Calif.

T.L. NIPPONS



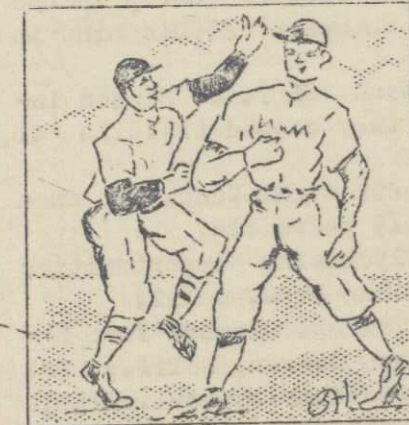
The T.L. Nippons (Tule Lake Nippons) were kingpins of the Taiheiyō League throughout the 1944 season. The Taiheiyō League titlists compiled an enviable record of 13 wins in 15 contests during five months of league competition. Manzanar's 3 to 2 triumph and Jerome's 6 to 6 tie, both in 10 frames, were the only blemishes to a perfect record for the Taiheiyō loop champions.

If the T.L. Nippons had any regret to make at the conclusion of the season, it was their inability to match the all-round balance of Guadalupe, center champions, on four occasions. In the CA sponsored Elimination Tournament of July, Guadalupe bested them, 5 to 3, in the finals. Ten weeks later, the T.L. Nippons were mauled by the same team in three straight tilts for the center title. "Wait till next year!" seems to be the battle cry of the team.

Tosh Komura, Frank Furukawa and Shigeru Tsujita piloted the squad in that order during the 1944 season. Johnny Kimoto coached the team while giving stellar performances behind the bat.

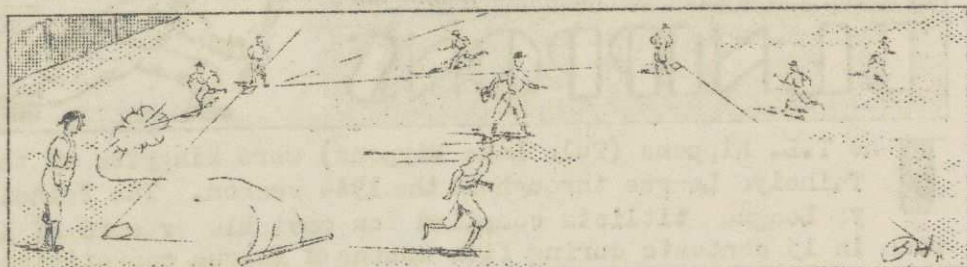
THE ROSTER

Mitsugi "Johnny" Kimoto (c, of)...bellwether of the T.L. Nippons...has seen action with four pennant winners - Wakayama Chugaku, '34, '35; Vacaville Roughriders, '40; West Sacramento of Tule Lake, '42...All Star in '40, '42 and '43...27 years old...from Sacramento, Calif.



Motoo Tsuda (p)...shares strike-out honors for one game with Junius Sakuma - 14... '43 Heart Mountain All Star...27 years old...from Baldwin Park, Calif.

Junius Sakuma (p)...led Tai-



heiyo League chuckers with 6-0 record...twirled doubleheader in Elimination Tournament...18 years old...from Suisun, Calif.

Yoshiharu Shimada (p)...second on the list of leading Taiheiyo pitchers with four wins, no defeats...on championship Vacaville nine in '42...21 years old.

Shigeru Tsujita (p, rf)...performed for '40 and '42 pennant-winning Vacaville teams...All Star in '40...24 years old.

Glenn Yamasaki (ss, 2b)...a speed merchant...Heart Mountain All Star in '43...18 years old...from Wilmington, Calif.

Joe Shimada (3b, ss)...on flag-winning Vacaville nines of '40 and '42...All Star in '42 and '43...23 years old.

Keizo Komura (lf)...also on Vacaville teams of '40 and '42...All Star in '40, '42 and '43...23 years old.

Yosh Negi (1b)...hit .308 in '44...a place hitter...20 years old...from Loomis, Calif.

Shizuo Kawano (cf)...played for Wakabas early in the season...patrolled outer garden for champion Loomis nine in '41...24 years old.

Mits Doren (2b, 3b, ss)...backbone of T.L. Nippon infield...played for Loomis team when they copped title in '41...24 years old.

Takashi Tsujita (rf, c)...saw action with Vacaville when they ruled supreme in '40 and '42...19 years old.

Mits Miyamoto (rf)...had many flychasing opportunities in second half...27 years old...from San Jose, Calif.

Tom Kuroda from Napa, Calif.; Takashi Okamura from Sacramento, Calif.; Hideo Takimoto from Suisun, Calif.; Bob Higashi from Sacramento, Calif. - infield insurance...little experience...14, 17, 16 and 20 years old respectively.

POSTON



Poston surprised early guessers by showing a great tendency to play ball for keeps in 1944. The sturdy stick work of George Nishikawa; the long swats of Ted Miyamoto and Kiyoshi Sasano; and the great pitching and staunch hitting by Hiroshi Sasano more than outweighed the team's defensive weakness, which was apparent throughout the season.

Poston snatched the runner-up position in the initial half, outscoring its opponents in six of their 10 league engagements. The team had to be content with a tie for second place with Manzanar and the Wakabas during the last half. However, in the playoff to determine the team eligible for title play, Poston outlasted Manzanar, 8 to 5, to garner the next-to-Guadalupe slot. Manzanar had previously knocked the Wakabas out the running with a 9 to 5 win. Poston declined to enter title play.

The ex-Arizona lads were paced by Player-Manager Robert H. Ikegami. Co-coaches were Harry Hitoshi Tanaka and George Masashi Kawasaki.

THE ROSTER

Hiroshi Sasano (p)...one of the best twirlers of the season...won nine, lost six...his 75 strikeouts were tops in that department...also a consistent hickory wielder...his .375 batting figure was fifth among the Class A players...21 years old...from Sacramento, Calif.

Kiyoshi Sasano (2b)...two homers, two triples, two doubles and six singles in 51 times at bat, put him among the top of the long distance swatters with a .471 slugging figure...23 years old...from Sacramento, Calif.

Akira Sasano (ss)...youngest of the Sasano clan...18 years old...from Sacramento, Calif.

Kiyoshi "George" Nishikawa (3b)...



a standout at the hot corner...one of two .300 hitters of the club...once Central California Japanese League All Star ...20 years old...from Clovis, Calif.

Hiroshi Nishikawa (lb)...has been in the business six years...23 years old...from Clovis, Calif.

Ted Miyamoto (rf)...his long swats were big factor in club's success...finished year with .491 slugging percentage ...19 years old...from Clovis, Calif.

Seisaku Fujii (p)...donned Wakaba uniform the first half ...wildness was his trouble...Tule Lake All Star in '43... 25 years old...from Seattle, Wash.

Shizuo Motoyama (c)...saw occasional service behind the bat...21 years old...from Isleton, Calif.

Shig Hiraki...22 years old...from Gilroy, Calif.; Yosh Kasamatsu...25 years old...from Clovis, Calif.; George Tani ...20 years old...from Clovis, Calif.; Sam Imai...26 years old...from Sacramento, Calif.; George Imoto...20 years old ...from Los Angeles, Calif.; Toyo Hisatomi...25 years old ...from Watsonville, Calif. - took regular turns in the outfield.

TAISEIYO SQUAD DEFEATS TAIHEIYO NINE

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Komura (N). CENTER FIELD: Shiz Kawano (N); Red Tanaka (Sa). RIGHT FIELD: Fred Okusako (Mi); Aki Hada (S); Yutaka Tokumoto (J).

LEGEND: A-Asahis; J-Jerome; Mi-Miyakos; Sa-Sakuras; S-Showas; N-T.L. Nippons.

Managers and coaches for the three-game series were as follows:

TAISEIYO

MANAGERS: Tad Nishi (G); Spencer Matsui (M); George Yamashiro (SD). COACHES: Bob Ikegami (P); Min Taira (G); Hank Furukawa (W); Isamu Harada (H).

TAIHEIYO

MANAGERS: Ed Tsukimura (J); Kojiro Wada (Mi); Ray Yasukochi (SD). COACHES: Isao Hamada (A); Shig Teujita (N).

LEGEND: G-Guadalupe; M-Manzanar; H-Hawaii; W-Wakabas; J-Jerome; Mi-Miyakos; A-Asahis; N-T.L. Nippons.

MANZANAR



Although hampered by lack of experience, horschiders playing in Manzanar spangles enjoyed a highly successful season in 1944.

In Taiheiyō loop competition during the first half, the former Southern Californians finished second with seven wins and three losses. In the opening game of the second round, the team handed the T.L. Nippons their only loss in 15 tilts.

Manzanar, Paston and the Wakabas of the Taiseiyo loop finished the second half in a deadlock for the runner-up spot. In the resulting playoff, Manzanar squeezed by the Wakabas, 9 to 5, but lost their chance for second place, dropping a heartbreaker to Paston in 14 frames.

Manzanar boasted the one and only organized rooting section of the center, which proved to be a colorful spectacle during the games.

Spencer Matsui was at the helm of the club. Aiding him was Player-Coch Coach Takoshi Takahashi, who coached the San Fernando Aces in 1943, then Manzanar champions.

THE ROSTER

Yoshikazu Fujii (c) captain of the squad...

No. 4 on the batting order...JAU A League All Star in '39... 24 years old...from San Pedro, Calif.

James Tamura (p)...toed the slab in ten games, winning seven while losing three...Manzanar All Star in '43...21 years old...from San Fernando, Calif.

Tak Takahashi (lb)...batted .313 during season...coached the team...performed for San Fernando Aces when they were champions in '38...26 years old.

George Tamura (ss)...hit a cool .340 the past season...



Manzanar All Star in '43...18 years old...from San Fernando, Calif.

Kaoru Shimizu (cf)...once JAU B League All Star chucker...20 years old...from San Pedro, Calif.

Masao Santohigashi (p)...as pitcher broke even in four games...Japan All Star (high school league)...26 years old...from Venice, Calif.

Ozzie Nishida (rf)...sported a weak .225 batting average but four triples helped him to slugging mark of .450...27 years old...from Los Angeles, Calif.

Shigeo Morikawa (of)...injury kept him on the bench most of the season...Manzanar All Star in '43...23 years old...from San Fernando, Calif.

Teruo Kamoto (lf)...had highest batting percentage of squad - .371...24 years old...from Venice, Calif.

George Hattori (2b)...22 years old...from Los Angeles, Calif.

Hideo Tochioka...22 years old...from Los Angeles, Calif.; Makoto Takahashi...20 years old...from San Fernando, Calif. - alternated at the hot corner.

Toshio Matsumoto (cf)...one of Matsui's most dependable flychasers...21 years old...from San Pedro, Calif.

Shigeo Tochioka...25 years old...from Los Angeles, Calif.; Toshikazu Terasawa...21 years old...from Los Angeles, Calif.; Barry Tamura...28 years old...from San Fernando, Calif. - utility men.



WAKABAS



The power-laden Wakabas had Ryo Kashiwagi, Atsushi Kagiya, Don Uchikura, Jack Hayashida, Bob Hayashida and Morio Hada measuring opposing pitchers with menacing war clubs, but they didn't have the defensive strength and the experienced coaching to make the best possible use of all this power during the 1944 season.

The Wakabas split ten games in the first half to finish in a dead heat for third with the Asahis. In the second half they won three of their five contests in the Taiseiyo League and landed in the playoff for second place but were eliminated by Manzanar, 9 to 5.

The former Okolo House outfit was managed by Henry K. Furukawa - a well-known Bainbridge (Wash.) player in the early thirties. Joe Fujinaka coached the team.

THE ROSTER

Bob Hayashida (c, cf)...batted .302...Tule Lake All Star in '43...played for Mountaineers, Class B champions of '42...19 years old...from Loomis, Calif.

Ryo Kashiwagi (3b)...slugging average of .673 was highest of the year...his four homers were second only to Eddie Masuoka...finished second in hitting parade with .404...20 years old...from Penryn, Calif.

Jack Hayashida (of, c)...poled two four-masters against Guadalupe in second half...hit .323 in '44...Tule Lake All Star in '43...played for Royal Flushes, National League champions in '42...21 years old...from Loomis, Calif.

Atsushi Kagiya (rf, p)...finished third in batting race with even .400...played for Oak Park during first half and pitched its only win...18 years old...from Sacramento, Calif.



Don Uchikura (2b)...hit .333...went errorless in last nine games...22 years old...from Loomis, Calif.

George "Chuck" Hayashida (c)...Tule Lake All Star in '42...did backstop duties for championship Royal Flush nine of National League in '42...NCVC All Star in '40...23 years old...from Loomis, Calif.

Morio Hada (1b)...went for extra bases...had batting average of .276 but slugging average of .552...Tule Lake All Star in '43...23 years old...from Loomis, Calif.

George Goto (p)...better chucker than his 6-6 record indicates...pitched Mountaineers of Tule Lake to championship in '42...Tule Lake All Star in '43...18 years old...from Penryn, Calif.

Jim Suzuki (ss)...played briefly for the T.L. Nippons...21 years old...from Loomis, Calif.

Kay Hada (p)...won two and lost one...Tule Lake All Star in '43...had experience with National League champions of '42, Royal Flushes...21 years old...from Lincoln, Calif.

Harry Gekko (cf)...also came to Wakabas via Oak Park...23 years old...from Loomis, Calif.

The Wakabas had plenty of utility outfielders in John Doi...23 years old...from Santa Ana, Calif.; Shig Takuma...20 years old...from Loomis, Calif.; Hiroshi Yamada...19 years old...from El Centro, Calif.; Oscar Oseto...29 years old...NCVC All Star in '40...from Loomis, Calif.; Jack Ishida...20 years old...from Richfield, Wash.

LEADING SLUGGERS OF CLASS A CIRCUITS

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Sumito Horio	Asahis-Mikasas	14	54	19	26	.352	.481
Yosh Nogi	T.L. Nippons	14	52	16	25	.308	.481
Fred Okusako	Miyakos-Mikasas	13	43	14	20	.325	.465
Bill Hattori	Sakuras	11	41	12	19	.293	.463
George Nakao	Miyakos-Mikasas	12	42	13	19	.310	.452
Kaz Shibata	Jerome	15	61	18	27	.295	.443
Min Tokumoto	Jerome	15	52	15	22	.288	.423
Hank Ogawa	Shonas	13	38	10	16	.263	.421
Keizo Komura	T.L. Nippons	14	55	20	23	.364	.418
Shinzo Miyamoto	Oak Park	10	39	12	16	.308	.410
Hunter Doi	Jerome	11	42	11	17	.262	.405

JEROME



After a mediocre first half (3-7) showing, Jerome roared back in the shortened second half to place second, finishing one game behind the Tule Lake Nippons, Taihoiyo League titlists. Jerome was eligible to participate in the playoffs but declined the bid.

Goro Moriyama's rebound to hitting form, Kaz Shibata's ever-potent big stick,

James Tanigawa's solid pitching - these were instrumental in Jerome's splurge to the runner-up spot.

Player-Coach-Manager Ed Tsukimura, veteran of 26 campaigns, handled the ball club in addition to assuming backstop duties.

THE ROSTER

Ed Tsukimura (c)...played 25 years with Fresno AC...California State All Star '25 to '27...made baseball trip to Japan in '24 with Fresno AC nine...39 years old...from Fresno, Calif.

Goro Moriyama (1b)...was heaviest sticker, finishing the season with a .379 average...has played the game for 12 seasons...28 years old...from Fresno, Calif.

Kaz Shibata (ss)...the best fielding gem in the Jerome infield...went errorless in last eight games of the season as shortstop...one of team's most consistent batsman...24 years old...from Fresno, Calif.

Nobu Sasaki (p)...lefthanded hurler counted on to take regular turns on mound but failed to get started...23 years old...from Fresno, Calif.

James Tanigawa (p)...a righthander, who began pitching

career when 14 years old...hurled for the two-year champion Florin Athletic Club at Fresno Assembly Center and at Jerome in '42 and '43, respectively...chucked all five contests in last half of split season, dropped first tilt and came back with four-game winning spurt...18 years old...from Florin, Calif.

Minoru and Yutaka Tokumoto (of)...a brother combination...both patrolled the outer garden...21 and 19 years old respectively...from Fresno, Calif.

Hank Goishi (of)...utility outfielder...played center-field for the pennant-winning Class B Fresno outfit at Jerome...21 years old...from San Fernando, Calif.

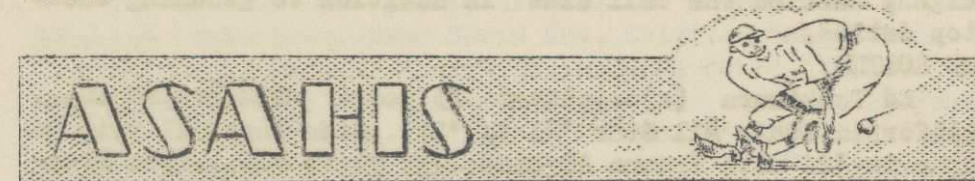
Tom Doi (3b)...completed his sixth year on the diamonds this season...22 years old...from Lompoc, Calif.

Hunter Doi (cf)...has been wielding the hickory for the past five seasons...20 years old...from Lompoc, Calif.

Kazuma Takemoto (2b)...18 years old...from Fresno, Calif.

Joe Nakai (c)...23 years old...from Los Angeles, Calif.

Joe Tsuboi (p, cf)...23 years old...from Los Angeles, Calif.



The Asahis, who were a star-studded aggregation blessed with speed and long distance clouting, were potentially one of the best ball clubs of the center. Yet, they had to struggle to get out of the Taiheiyo League cellar in the last half, after tying the Wakabas for third place in the first half.

Yosh Uyeoka developed arm trouble, and the team fell into a prolonged batting slump in the middle stages of the season. It was like trying to run an automobile without fuel, because their spasmodic punches couldn't get them anywhere in particular.

Isao Hamada was at the helm of the club. Hamada piloted

the Walnut Grove Deltans to a AA championship in 1940. In 1942, he managed the Solons, Turlock Assembly Center National League champions. K. Tanaka, a veteran of 22 years, was coach.

THE ROSTER

Isao "Pedro" Hamada (1b)...third year in the managing business...25 years old...from Walnut Grove, Calif.

K. Tanaka (c, 1b, of)...has performed for Yamai Chugaku, Yamai City, Hosei University...Gila Camp #1 All Star in '43...36 years old...from Los Angeles, Calif.

Kaz Hiromoto (1f)...said to be second only to Mussy Tomoeoka in fielding...Rohwer All Star in '43...19 years old...from Lodi, Calif.

Hank Ogawa (ss, p)...regular shortstop who won two games in as many starts...Tule Lake All Star in '43...18 years old...from Isleton, Calif.

Larry Hoshiko (cf)...Tule Lake All Star in '42 and '43...27 years old...from Isleton, Calif.

Yoshio Uyeoka (p)...saw little action during second half because of sore arm...the southpaw split eight games...Tule Lake All Star in '42 and '43...22 years old...from Holland, Calif.

George Nakano (ss, 2b, p, 1b)...an all-round man who took time out from his infield duties to pitch - ended season with no wins and one loss as chucker...Gila Camp #1 All Star in '43...23 years old...from Alameda, Calif.

Eddie Masuoka (c)...batted .323, slugged .661...five homers gave him leadership in that department...Gila Camp #1 All Star in '43...26 years old...from French Camp, Calif.

James Daijogo (3b, p)...a good third sacker who went in to chuck twice - won one, lost one...20 years old...from Auburn, Calif.

John Horio (p)...couldn't get started this year...won two, lost six...also played with Mikasas during first half...Tule Lake All Star in '43...22 years old...from Los Gatos,



Calif.

Sumito Horio (3b, ss)...hit .352 during '44 season... played for Mikasas until they disbanded...Tule Lake All Star in '42 and '43...26 years old...from Los Gatos, Calif.

Bob Nakao (rf)...once named Hiroshima High School All Star...21 years old...from Marysville, Calif.

Gary Ota (1b)...a rookie...19 years old...from Isleton, Calif.

Fred Hiromoto (2b)...Rohwer Ball Star...16 years old... from Lodi, Calif.

Joe Nakao (2b)...25 years old...from Marysville, Calif.

Yasuo Tanaka (p)...pitched in five games but left no record for '44...24 years old...from Portland, Ore.



Rohwer Sakuras' efforts to blossom into formidable pennant threat fell short of reaching fruition but what they lacked in championship strength they made up for fine sportsmanship.

They were more than contented with their 1944 season accomplishments splitting the 10-game Taisho League first half campaign; in the latter half, they joined the Taihoiyo League, finishing with a record of two triumphs and three defeats. The squad might have reached the higher heights of the standings if it had more reserve strength and a few 300 batsmen both of which they failed to produce during the 1944 campaign.

Masaji "Red" Tanaka skippered the team, while holding down the centerfield position.

THE ROSTER

Red Tanaka (cf, p)...played with the Lodi Templars when they copped the Northern California Class A championship in '39 and the California State championship in '40...27 years old...from Lodi, Calif.

Geki Yamashita (2b)...was picked at this position on

the Rohwer Class AA All Star squad in '43...captain of this team...23 years old...from Lodi, Calif.

Tom Kiriu (p)...hurler who won three, lost six in '44... Rohwer Class A All Star horsehide squad in '43...22 years old...from Lodi, Calif.

Haruo Sumimoto (1b)...selected on the Rohwer Class A All Star roster...23 years old...from Los Angeles, Calif.

Sammy Matsuoka (1b)...rookie...17 years old...from Loomis, Calif.

Tommy Miyamoto (ss)...another rookie...18 years old...from Loomis, Calif.

Satoshi Ouno (ss)...came here from Rohwer where he was picked on the Class AA All Star squad while playing for the Lodi Templars in '43...20 years old...from Lodi, Calif.

Sakai Yamashita (c)...took the backstopping berth on the Rohwer AA All Star squad in '43... 21 years old...from Lodi, Calif.

Bill Hattori (of)...more widely known as one of the fastest sprinters in the center...was credited with 10 base thefts during the season...made the Rohwer Class A outfit in '43...23 years old...from Stockton, Calif.

Shigeichi Tanaka (c)...28 years old...from Lodi, Calif.

Henry Yamashita (of)...landed a berth on Class A All Star team in '43 at Rohwer...23 years old...from Lodi, Calif.

Eay Watanabe (p)...finished the '44 season with 4-1 hurling record...19 years old...from Kent, Wash.

Hiroshi Morimoto (of)...tied his teammate Hattori in stolen cushions with 10 thefts...Tule Lake Hardball League All Star in '42...23 years old...from Auburn, Wash.

Kay Watanabe (3b)...held down the hot corner post during the season...20 years old...from Kent, Wash.



OAK PARK



Oak Park, a team which was hopelessly doomed to cellar occupancy from the start, was battered, trampled and walked over on nine different occasions. Before the ball club terminated its association with the Taiheiyō wheel, it, however, managed to rack up an 8 to 7 triumph against the Asahis in their last tilt.

Atsushi Kagiya was a bright spot with his first half .421 average. Kagiya finished the 1944 season in a Wakaba uniform.

Minoru Frank Uyeda engineered the Oak Park lads. Dr. S. Ikuta was coach.

THE ROSTER

Shimao Miyamoto (c, of)...one of the best willow singers on the club...met the pill for a .308 average...23 years old...from Penryn, Calif.

Tom Yoshikawa (c, 3b)...poled the lone circuit clout Oak Park was able to chalk up...21 years old...from Penryn, Calif.

Mas Yamamoto (p)...was on the hill twice, dropped both tilts...26 years old...from Elk Grove, Calif.

Bob Guro (c)...donned the mask occasionally...20 years old...from Oak Park, Calif.

Ted Taniguchi (1b)...regular first sacker who was twice called upon for relief pitching...21 years old...from Elk Grove, Calif.

Tom Taniguchi...22 years old...from Elk Grove, Calif.; Mark Uyeda...19 years old...from Oak Park, Calif. ...also saw plenty of action in the infield.

George Kusatake...25 years old...from Reedley, Calif.; Joe Makishima...22 years old...from Oak Park, Calif.; Ted Matsuoka...24 years old...from Oak Park, Calif.; Frank Matsuoka...20 years old...from Oak Park, Calif.; Tom Uyeda...20 years old...from Oak Park, Calif. - patrolled the outer garden for the squad.

SEINEN DAN



Managed by Harry Morita, the Seinen Dan squad was strictly a hot and cold team going through the 1944 season in spurts and slumps. In the Taiseiyo first half standings table, the outfit broke even in 10 games with five frays in the black and five in the red.

Morita's boys ran into a bumpy road in the second half of their Taiseiyo loop campaign and were booted around from pillar to post, winning but one contest while absorbing four defeats to finish just ahead of the tailenders of the circuit.

Seinen Dan's lone triumph in the bottom half of the split season was something to rave about as they turned on the steam for a record-breaking 31 to 4 victory over Hawaii, 1944 second half collar occupant of the Taiseiyo League. Seventy Seinen Dan batters laced out 27 blows and spiked home plate 31 times to shatter two records in the books. On the other hand, Hawaii weathered the storm with four runs on five hits and established some sort of a record with a two-figure error mark of 18.

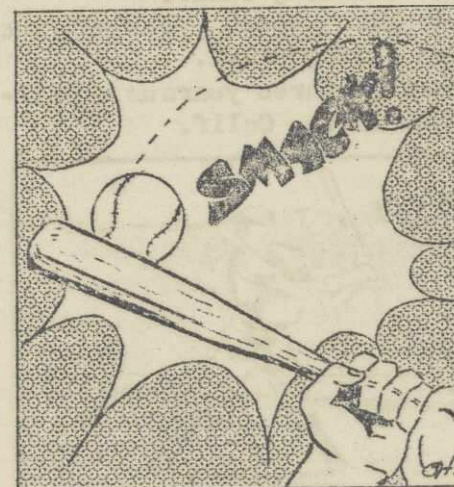
The 1944 season was Morita's second year as a manager.

In 1943, he piloted the Asahis at Gila. From 1934 to 1937, Morita performed for the Isleton Tigers who annexed their loop crown in 1935. Coach for the team was George Yamashiro, coach of the French Camp Cubs at the Turlock Assembly Center in 1942.

THE ROSTER

Sam Adachi (c)...played his second season on the diamonds...21 years old...from Glendale, Calif.

Ray Mizuno (c)...hit .333 for the '44 season to rank third



among team's swatters...22 years old...from Walnut Grove, Calif.

Hiroshi Nishikawa (lb)...has experienced three years of baseball...22 years old...from Rio Vista, Calif.

Yukio Murakami (p)...carried burden of mound duties, winning five and dropping six...showed streaks of wildness by issuing 44 walks...struck out 49...18 years old...from Gardena, Calif.

George Inouye (p)...credited with one triumph and three setbacks...18 years old...from San Jose, Calif.

Mich Mizuno (2b)...hammered the pellet for a neat .345 batting mark to finish second on squad...19 years old...from Walnut Grove, Calif.

Sho Adachi (3b)...19 years old lad who completed his second season on the diamonds...from Glendale, Calif.

Sakae Ogata (ss)...took team's hitting honors with .388 average...an all-around man who played practically every position...19 years old...from Long Beach, Calif.

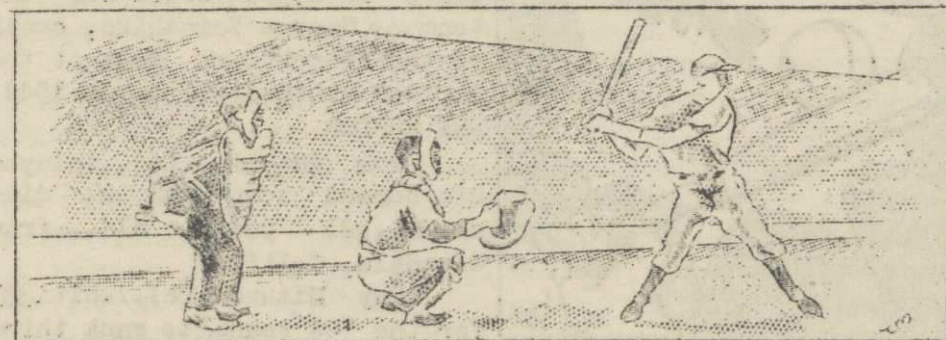
Nagao Tomita (of)...was a member of the '35 champion Isleton Tigers...24 years old...from Isleton, Calif.

Mikio Toyota (of)...performed for the '35 Isleton Tiger squad...23 years old...from Isleton, Calif.

Hisao Nakahira (of)...'44 was his second year as a baseballer...22 years old...from Redondo Beach, Calif.

Atsushi Hirose (of)...played his second year on the diamonds...21 years old...from San Pedro, Calif.

Frank Yagi (of)...has seen action three years as a ballplayer...19 years old...from Walnut Grove, Calif.



MIKASAS



Mikasas - a team composed of members from last year's champion Hillmen nine and a few veterans of the former Marysville squad - were the disappointment of the year. The Mikasas, conquerors of the T.L. Nippons in a pre-season session, handed Guadalupe a 7 to 3 thrashing in the Taisiyo League curtain-raiser on April 30. The next week, they stopped Poston by a like score. But their string of victories ended there. In the third week of play, the Sakuras halted their two-game winning streak with a 8 to 7 win. From that moment on, the Mikasas tumbled faster than you could say the Brooklyn Dodgers, winning but one more tilt to nosedive to within one game of the basement. The squad disbanded one week before the end of the first half.

LEAGUE STANDINGS	
MIKASAS	1-2
GUADALUPE	2-1
POSTON	3-0

The team was managed by Hugo Nishimoto, who piloted the Hillmen nine to a championship here in 1943.

THE ROSTER

Teru Yoshimoto (c)...member of '43 champion Hillmen nine...21 years old...from Newcastle, Calif.

Yo Takayama (lb)...also played for Hillmen last season... '43 Tule Lake All Star...18 years old...from Newcastle, Calif.

Frank Horio (lf)...a veteran of last year's Hillmen aggregation... '43 Tule Lake All Star...19 years old...from Los Gatos, Calif.

Ralph Horio (rf)...was also a cog in the Hillmen machine last season...23 years old...from Los Gatos, Calif.

Masato Miyamura (cf)...a speedy fielder...22 years old...from Penryn, Calif.

For other players, see Miyakos.

MIYAKOS



Before the start of the second half, a new team came into being in the Taiheiyō League - the Miyakos. It was comprised of former Mikasa, Oak Park and Marysville players. The baby of the Taiheiyō circuit fought its way to a deadlock for third place with the Asahis and the Sakuras in second half competition. The Miyakos won two, lost three.

Kozire Wada managed the Miyakos, and Kiyoshi Maruyama coached.

THE ROSTER

Haruo Yamamoto (c)...Tule Lake All Star in '42 and '43...23 years old...from Marysville, Calif.

Sam Kinoshita (1b)...Tule Lake All Star in '43...24 years old...from Chico, Calif.

Jimmy Enkoji (2b)...posted a .333 figure for '44...Tule Lake All Star in '42 and '43...has cavorted for Rikkyo University...also with the professional Osaka Lions...22 years old...from Newcastle, Calif.

Ray Tokawa (3b)...came up from the Marysville B's and did a swell job at the hot corner...15 years old...from Marysville, Calif.

George Nakao (ss)...batted .310 in '44...Tule Lake All Star in '42 and '43...19 years old...from Live Oak, Calif.

Fred Okusako (1b)...wielded the hickory stick for a .326 mark...21 years old...from Newcastle, Calif.

Tomi Nakahara (cf)...Tule Lake All Star in '42...23 years old...from Marysville, Calif.

Johnny Nakao (p)...Tule Lake All Star in '42 and '43...broke even in two games this year...23 years old...from Marysville, Calif.



Spike Muraoka (p)...didn't fare so well this year, winning one, dropping six...cavorted for the Oak Park nine during the first half...Tule Lake All Star in '43...24 years old...from Oak Park, Calif.

Frank Uyeda (p)...ended '44 season with three losses...22 years old...from Oak Park, Calif.

Kats Morishige (p)...24 years old...from Newcastle, Calif.

Jimmy Kashiwada (3b)...came via Oak Park team...22 years old...from Sacramento, Calif.

Oscar Itani (p, 1b, rf)...1943 Tule Lake All Star...30 years old...from Salinas, Calif.

HAWAII



Hawaii joined the ranks of the Taiseiyō circuit during the second half but could do no better than the Phils have been doing in the National loop. Inexperience was their greatest liability.

Hawaii, however, proved to be far from a "breather", giving such top-notch teams as Poston and the Wakabas stiff resistance before bowing.

Minoru Nakano held the managerial reins of the ball club, while Isamu Harada attended to the coaching duties.

THE ROSTER

Hisao "Bill" Tanaka (ss)...19 years old...from Hilo, Hawaii.

Stanley Kitajima (3b)...18 years old...from Kohala, Hawaii.

Teruo Hirata, 24 years old; Tomozane Kakemoto, 21 years old; Kenichi Kurashige, 22 years old; Akira Okamura, 20 years old; Kiyomi Tatsukawa, 23 years old; Jitsuo Nakano, 18 years old - patrolled the outer garden...all resided in Honolulu, Hawaii before evacuation.

Hiroshi Uyehara (p)...chucked for Jerome during the first half...21 years old...from Honolulu, Hawaii.

Hideaki Matsunaga (p)...relief chucker...21 years old from Honolulu, Hawaii.

Takimi Okinaka (c)...also played for Jerome during the first half...22 years old...from Honolulu, Hawaii.

Tomojiro Murakami, 22 years old; Hideo Sato, 24 years old; Tadashi Hashimoto, 23 years old - first two are infielders, the other an outfielder...come from Maui, Hawaii.

Toshihiko Arita (of)...21 years old...from Hilo, Hawaii.

Tamotsu Masui (2b)...23 years old...from Honolulu, Hawaii.



The hapless Showa ball club found itself looking out of the cellar throughout the 1944 season. The former Topaz lads won three and lost 12 during 1944 for a paltry .200 percentage, winding up in the Taiheiyo League cellar the first half and the Taiheiyo League basement the last half.

Ray Yasukochi was manager, Hiss Kataoka, player-coach. THE ROSTER

Merv Matsuoka (ss)...his batting average of .352 was highest of squad...19 years old...from Loomis, Calif.

Aki Hada (lf)...also a .300 sticker...hit .314 in '44...18 years old...from Sacramento, Calif.

Hiss Kataoka (p)...won two, lost six the past season...31 years old...from Centerville, Calif.

Roy Kurahara (cf)...played only first half with Showas...laced the sphere for a .367 mark...22 years old...from Loomis, Calif.

Tommy Honda (p)...dropped two games in '44...19 years old...from San Jose, Calif.

Jimmy Honda (3b)...a 18-year-old youth...from San Jose, Calif.

Hank Ogawa (p, rf)...as flinger lost three tilts...27 years old...from Seattle, Wash.

Boe Kataoka (1b)...23 years old...from Centerville, Calif.

Minoru Sasaki (c)...saw plenty of action during the second half...19 years old...from Oakland, Calif.

Yun Akinaga (2b)...20 years old...from Hayward, Calif.

Stanley Nitta (cf)...20 years old...from Loomis, Calif.

Hank Kuwada (1b)...21 years old...from Oakland, Calif.

Shig Matsuka (c)...didn't play in the last half...23 years old...from Riverside, Calif.

Kenji Akinaga (lf)...18 years old...from Hayward, Calif.

George Gekko (2b)...21 years old...from Loomis, Calif.

Shig Matsuka (rf)...22 years old...from Riverside, Calif.

Sat Kinoshita (3b)...22 years old...from Alameda, Calif.

Hideo Yonohara (2b)...18 years old...from Palo Alto, Calif.

HOW THE PENDANT RACES ENDED

FIRST HALF SECOND HALF

TAISEIYO LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Guadalupe	9	1	.900	--
Poston	6	4	.600	3
Sakuras	5	5	.500	4
Seinen Dan	5	5	.500	4
Mikasas	3	7	.300	6
Showas	2	8	.200	7

TAISEIYO LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Guadalupe	5	0	1.000	--
Poston	3	2	.600	2
Manzanar	3	2	.600	2
Wakabas	3	2	.600	2
Seinen Dan	1	4	.200	4
Hawaii	0	5	.000	5

TAIHEIYO LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
T.L. Nippons	9	1	.900	--
Manzanar	7	3	.700	2
Asahis	5	5	.500	4
Okole House	5	5	.500	4
Jerome	3	7	.300	6
Oak Park	1	9	.100	8

TAIHEIYO LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
T.L. Nippons	4	0	1.000	--
Jerome	3	1	.750	1
Asahis	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Miyakos	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Sakuras	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Showas	1	4	.200	3 1/2

HITTING, HURLING FIGURES OF THE SERIES

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Kimoto, c	3	12	2	6	1	3	0	13	5	.500	12	4	0	1.000
Miyamoto, rf	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000
Kozura, lf	3	11	3	6	0	1	0	8	1	.545	6	0	0	1.000
Domen, 3b	3	12	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	.083	6	5	1	.917
S. Tsujita, rf, p	3	9	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	.111	4	0	0	1.000
Sakuma, p	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	.333	0	6	0	1.000
Tsuda, p	2	4	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	.250	0	3	1	.750
Y. Shimada, p, lf	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
Takimoto, ss	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	1	0	1.000
T. Tsujita, c	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	1	0	0	1.000
Kuroda, 2b	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	2	0	1	.667
Okamura, lb	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
Higashi, 3b	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	.000
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GUADALUPE'S PITCHING RECORDS

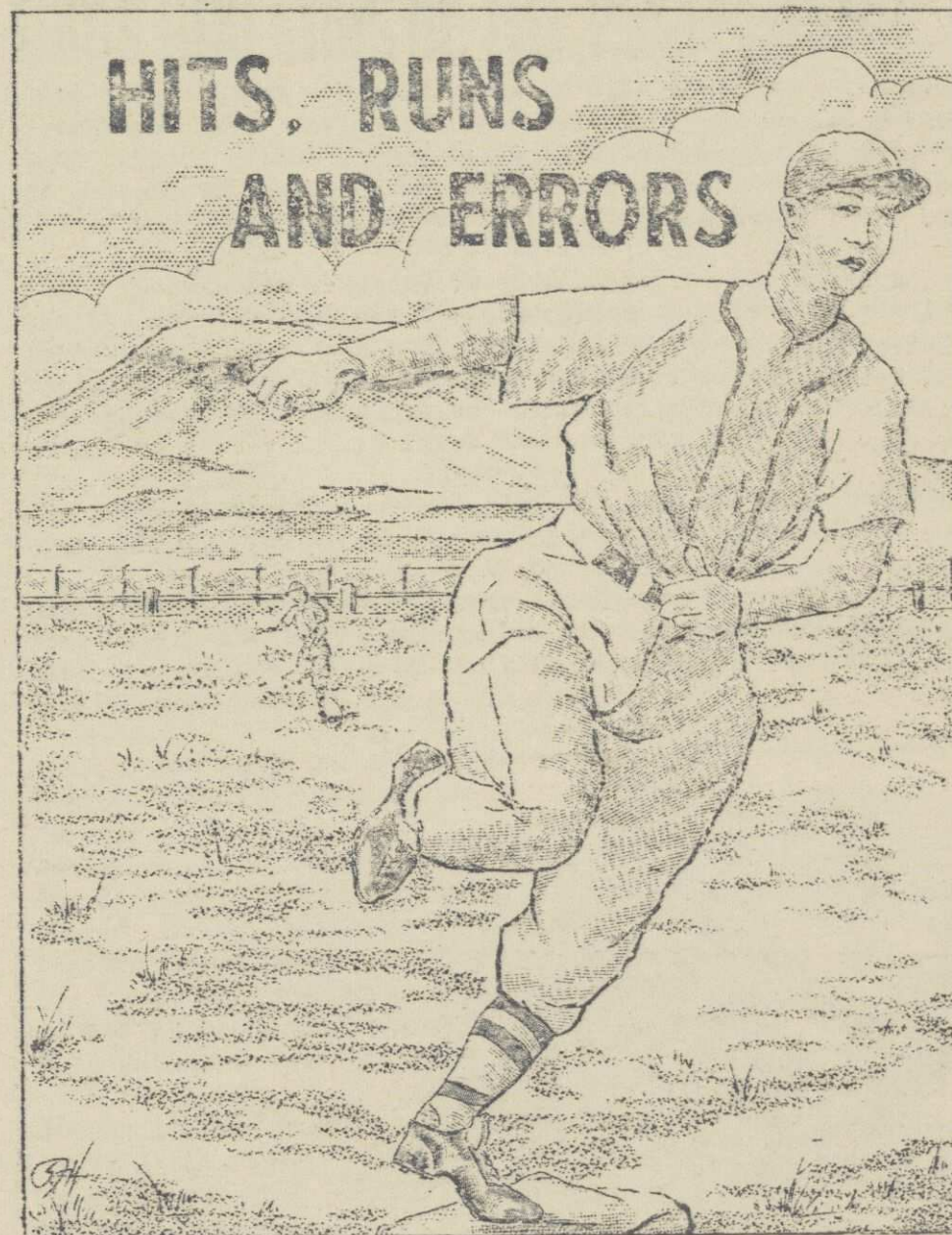
	G	CG	IP	R	H	BB	SO	WP	HB	W	L	Pct.
Nishimura	2	1	16 1/3	14	24	2	5	1	1	1	0	1.000
Koyanagi	1	0	7	0	6	1	1	0	0	1	0	1.000
J. Tomooka	2	0	3 2/3	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1.000

T.L. NIPPONS' PITCHING RECORDS

	G	CG	IP	R	H	BB	SO	WP	HB	W	L	Pct.
Tsuda	2	0	11 10		17	8	6	1	1	0	2	.000
Y. Shimada	2	0	6 2/3	5	8	2	0	0	1	0	1	.000
Sakuma	2	0	6 19		15	9	3	1	0	0	0	.000
S. Tsujita	1	0	2 1/3	1	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	.000



HITS, RUNS AND ERRORS



ODDS AND ENDS OF THE PAST SEASON..

Only three teams - Poston, Jerome and Guadalupe - played errorless games during the 1944 season. Poston and Jerome went without a boot in two tilts, Guadalupe in one. To top it all, in 90 league engagements, there wasn't one contest in which both teams competed without making a miscue.

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Third Baseman Jimmy Honda, cleanup hitter of the Showa nine, was the sole horschider to accomplish the feat of walking four times in a single game during 1944. Honda established the mark against Miyako pitching on August 12. He was issued free passes four consecutive times after he had bounced a single to center in his first time at bat.

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The most-hit-by-pitched-ball club in 1944 was the Guadalupe aggregation. Twelve of their players got away too late.

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Ozzie Nishida, veteran Manzanar flychaser, garnered only nine hits during the 1944 campaign but five of them were damaging extra-base blows. Four of the hits were hard-to-get triples, one a double and the others singles.

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Getting two hits in one inning is a rare feat. Receiving two walks in one frame is just as rare. But it remained for Wakabas' Donald Uchikura to turn the trick. He was issued two free passes in the Wakaba-Seinen Dan tilt of August 27.

Poston led in sacrifice hitting in 1944. The team "dumped one" on 35 occasions.



In a Taiheiyo League affair staged against the Sakuras on August 26, Goro Moriyama, Jerome's first sacker, crossed up his opponents on two occasions by cutting at the "automatic strike." Each time, he succeeded in hitting safely. One sailed for a double, the other a single. In this tilt, he poked out three hits in four tries.

Miscues for the 1944 season reached a grand total of 739! This is an average of eight errors for each league game.

When it came to hits per game, the Showas and the Seinen Dan staged a donnybrook on June 24. Seinen Dan racked up 21 safe blows to the Showas' 13 for a total of 34 base hits in nine innings. Seinen Dan won, 17 to 11. The winners clouted four homers, the losers, two.

Wakabas' Ryo Kashiwagi bashed out a four-master during the team's first 1944 league encounter to become the first player to turn the trick.

In the Poston-Mikasa fracas of May 14, Poston was officially credited with only 25 times at bat in nine frames; yet managed to make 27 outs while making three runs on four hits. Of the 37 who appeared at the plate, two of the eight walks and one hit were turned into outs. There were three sacrifice hits. One was hit by a pitched ball.

Since the T.L. Nippon-Manzanar game officially opened the 1944 season, most "firsts" were recorded in that game.

The first hit was lashed out by T.L. Nippons' Johnny Kimoto, who slammed a single to left field in his first appearance at the plate.

The first player to appear in the batter's box was T.L. Nippons' Glenn Yamasaki.

The first hurler to strike out an opponent was Manzanar's Jimmy Tamura, who whiffed Keizo Komura.

George Hattori, Manzanar's second sacker, committed the first miscue and drew the first walk.

The first double was pounded out by T.L. Nippons' Glenn

Yamasaki.

The first triple was banged out by T.L. Nippons' Yosh Negi.

There wasn't a single no-hit game during the 1944 league season. T.L. Nippons' Motoo Tsuda and Showas' Hiss Kataoka came the closest. Tsuda whiffed 14 while giving up two bingles to beat Oak Park, 21 to 3, on May 21. Kataoka also gave up two safe blows as the Showas turned back the Sakuras, 3 to 1, on July 12.



Three Miyako chuckers gave the Showas 13 walks on August 12 but won, 15 to 8.

Against Hawaii on August 4, Seinen Dan's Mich Mizuno batted four for eight. But that's not the whole story. He banged out two of his hits in the third frame and came back in the seventh inning to lash out his other two. Just think of getting two hits in one canto twice in one game!

Batting Champion Masao Iriyama smashed out four circuit clouts in three games during the Elimination Tournament; yet he could lash out only one homer in 14 league encounters.

There were two no-strikeout games in 1944. Eay Watanabe and Tom Kiriu of the Sakuras twirled for ten frames against Guadalupe but couldn't whiff anyone on June 24. Guadalupe won, 10 to 7. At Field #1 on August 27, Step Tomooka defeated Poston, 9 to 2, without the aid of a strikeout.

In the tilts series in September, Guadalupe flingers pitched 363 times while T.L. Nippon chuckers tossed 490 balls. Here is the complete breakdown as compiled by George Yokotake, genial sports editor of the Japanese section.

GUADALUPE

	TT	S	B	K	W
Leity Nishimura.....	217	146	71	5	2
Joe Koyanagi.....	101	64	37	1	1
Step Tomooka.....	45	27	18	1	1
TOTAL	363	237	126	7	4

T.L. NIPPONS

	TT	S	B	K	W
Motoo Tsuda.....	210	118	92	6	8
Junius Sakuma.....	144	75	69	3	9
Yosh Shimada.....	88	52	36	0	2
Shig Tsujita.....	48	22	26	1	4
TOTAL	290	267	223	10	23

LEGEND: TT-total throw; S-strikes; B-balls; K-strikeouts; W-walks.

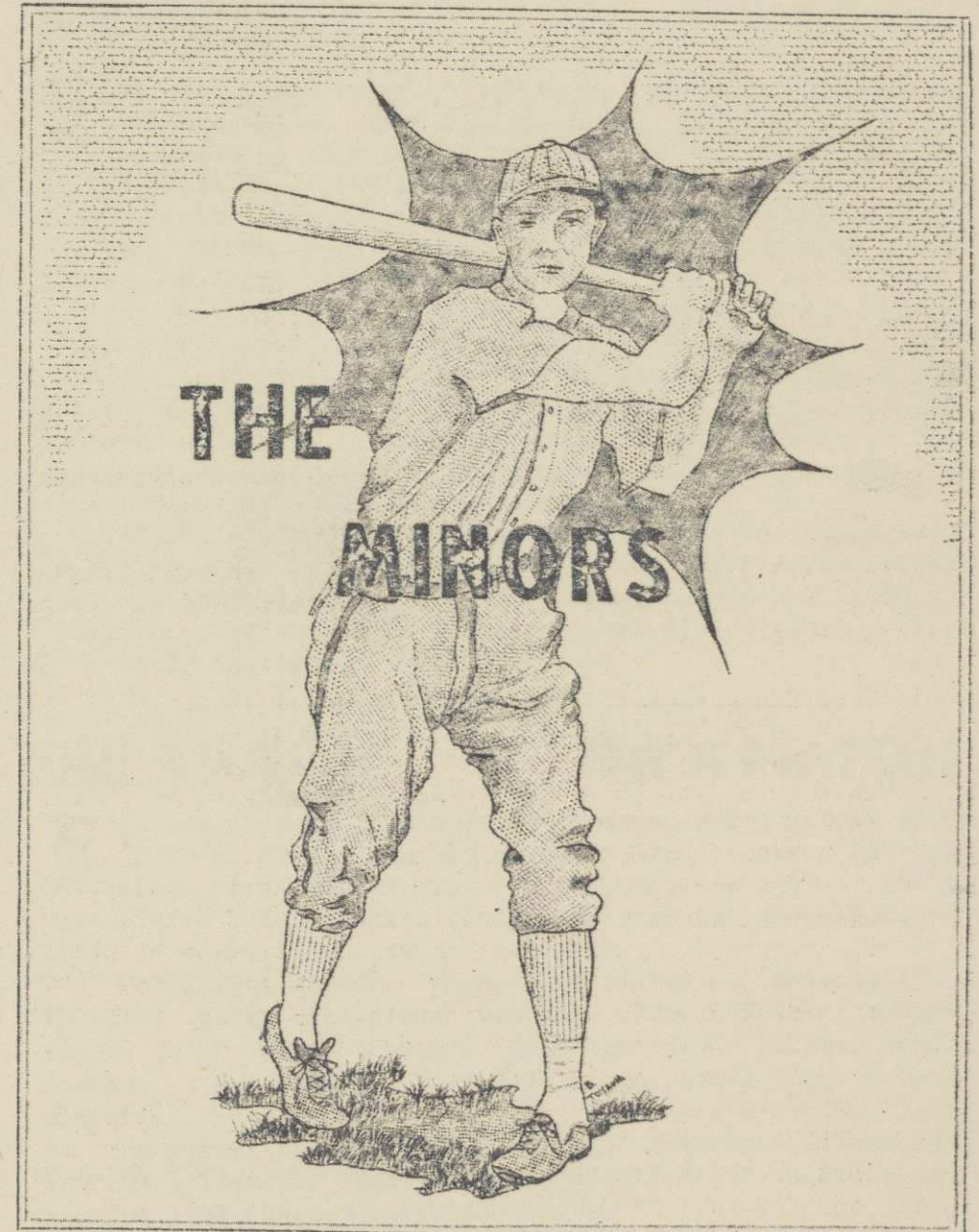
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The Asahis led the Class A nines in stolen bases with 74 last season, an indication of Manager Isao Hamada's tendency to let the bars down on the sidelines.

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Tule Lake Center baseball broke into the front page of the Chronicle on May 2 with the following story:

Baseball season opened at the Tulalake internment camp on the heels of ceremonies celebrating the birthday of the Emperor of Japan over the weekend, the War Relocation Authority announced yesterday.

Ceremonies Saturday were brief and the day passed without incident, according to WRA. The Tulalake baseball convention was opened by Project Director Ray Best, who threw out the first ball for the opening game. More than half the 17,000 residents of the center were present for the game, it was announced.

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In the Showa-Seinen Dan contest of June 24, four home runs came in the seventh inning: Mich Mizuno, Sakao Ogata and Hisao Nakahira did it for the Seinen Dan while Merv Matsuoka poled one for the Showas.



PREFACE

That ever popular game, baseball, officially made its exit recently, here in Tule Lake. Judging by the attendance as well as the rabidness of the fans, baseball is, indisputably, the center's most popular pastime. As we glance back in retrospect at all the thrills and chills which the game afforded, we cannot help but agree that this season flourished beautifully.

On July 1, 1944, following on the heels of the majors, the minor leagues, better known to local enthusiasts as B hardball, were inaugurated under the auspices of the CA Athletic Dept. During its rudimentary stages, many a skeptical eye was raised as to the favorable termination of this venture. Despite a few of the impediments encountered, the season can very well be termed successful.

"Outside", the majors cannot exist sans the minor loops on a long run. From the minors come the major circuit players. In this center, though its existence is not indispensable, many of the minor league players will be playing Class A baseball in time to come.

MESSAGE

DICK MATSUI

This season's Class B hardball leagues were the very first of their kind to be organized in this center. Although there were many experienced players, our main objective was to give young rookies some experience and above all, to build fine sportsmanship and teamwork.

The league opening games were played on July 1, 1944, in warm, sunny California weather. Some of the players tasted their first baseball game that day. In the coming season, I am sure that many will be potential Class A ball-players.

On behalf of the Athletic Dept., I wish to thank each and every team for their fine cooperation in making a successful 1944 Class B hardball season.

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Pacific League titlists, Block 82 Skippers, and heretofore twice tied but undefeated Fujis of the Atlantic circuit, crossed hickory sticks on September 23 and 24, to determine the center B hardball championship. It was slated to be a three game series, but the third game was not necessary, for the pride of the Pacific loop won two straight, literally ransacking the dishevelled Fuji aggregation by the tune of 10 to 6 and 12 to 1.



In the opening series game between the two Manzanar clubs, Skippers' tallies came in bunches like bananas, in the sixth and seventh frames with three and five digits, respectively, while the Fujis rung up scattered runs throughout the fray. Masashi Nakamura, initial sacker for the winners, connected a circuit drive in the sixth chukker to start the string of runs to follow. Incidentally, this was the only homer of the championship series. The latter seventh proved to be fatal to the Fujis when a five run rally was engineered by the Skips.



In the second and final fracas, the champs breezed through to win by the lopsided count of 12 to 1. As the stone gathers it's moss so did the Skips, amassing four big runs in the very first canto and continuing to pile up their score till it spelled a beautiful twelve.

Yosh Fujita and Yosh Shimada chucked for the Skippers while Saku Takada and Yukio Furuta took turns on the mound for the Fujis.

PACIFIC LEAGUE

Consisting of 12 well-organized ball clubs, the Pacific League saw many a thrilling moment in the battle for the pennant. August 26 proved to be a jinx day for the top-notchers. The mighty Skippers, who were undefeated up to this time, tasted defeat at the hands of the scrappy Taiyo nine, 8 to 2; Block 77 succumbed to the mediocre Jerome squad, 8 to 7.

The greatest upset recorded was Seinen Dan's 11 to 3 win over the Block 77 Toas, who, by virtue of this defeat, had to share the second position berth with the Taiyos, in the final loop standing.

Following are team rosters in final league standing order:

SKIPPERS

With reliable Ken Takata at their helm, Block 82 Skippers battled their way through stiff opposition furnished by the strong Pacific loop teams, winning a total of nine contests, losing one and tying one, to cop the league pennant.

The Skippers' roster was made up almost solely of inexperienced players between the ages of 15 to 18 years. At the end of the season, many were handling the ball like veterans.

Managing to maintain top position in the Pacific League race throughout the season, Skippers were closely pursued by the Block 77 Toas and the Taiyos.

Although the team batting average was only .217, Skips made their hits count.

THE ROSTER

Yutaka Shimada (p)...has experienced one season in Roh-ver...18 years old...formerly from San Pedro, Calif.

Yoshio Fujita (p)...17 years old...from San Pedro, Calif.

Shoji Hamachi (c)...17 years old...from San Pedro, Calif.

Masashi Nakamura (1b)...17 years old...from Los Angeles, Calif.

Mitsuo Yamauchi (2b)...18 years old...from Venice, Calif.

Tetsuo Kaneko (3b)...16 years old...from Los Angeles, Calif.

Akira Kishishita (ss)...played half a season in Manzanar...16 years old...from San Pedro, Calif.

Hideo Kimura (1f)...18 year old lad who played one season in Manzanar for the Sears club...from San Pedro, Calif.

Kazuo Fujita (cf)...18 years old...from San Pedro, Calif.

Eichi Norihiro (rf)...18 years old...from North Hollywood, Calif.

Yutaka Hiromoto (rf)...18 years old...from San Pedro, Calif.

Ray Norihiro (rf)...15 years old...from North Hollywood, Calif.

BLOCK 77 TOAS

...held down runner-up position, winning eight games, losing three, for .727.....possessed effective hitting power.....had a mathematical chance at the Pacific League gonfalon, but lost that hold after being shellacked by the Seinen Dan outfit to the tune of 11 to 3.....team batting average for the season was .294.

ROSTER: Sadao Sawaii, Ben Hoshino, Masakazu Imamoto, Pee Wee Koyama, Ryo Higashida, Tak Sugawara, Tsutao Urokogata, Ben Miyaoka, Eddie Murata, Roy Hamaguchi, Tsugio Imamoto, Toshio Sawaii, Ken Nakata (manager).

TAIYOS

...in second place tie with the Block 77 Toas.....judged to be the most worthy opponent by the league titlists, and rightly so, because they handed Skipperstheir sole setback of the 1944 season.....a slugging team, with team batting average of .262.

ROSTER: George Shimada, Mike Yoko, George Yagi, Kay Matsumoto, Steve Takeda, Waichi Kawaii, George Matsumoto, Bob Matsumoto, Fred Nakawatase, Kats Matsumoto, Nob Morimoto, Johnny Sakaguchi, Manabu Jinguji, Johnny Matsumoto, Ted Ta-

mai (manager).

30 KASEIS

...held down third spot with .700...a game shy of going into a three way tie with Block 77 Toas and Taiyos, winning seven games out of 10.....boasted highest team batting average in the Pacific circuit with a torrid .309.

ROSTER: Frank Kashiwada, Tosh Nishikawa, Ken Okumura, Mits Maegoto, Paul Murakami, Nori Yamashita, George Yagi, Howard Sakai, Suki Ariyoshi, Masato Nishikawa, Ham Shintaku, Wimp Sakamoto, Kaz Shintani, Wataru Nishikawa, Ken Tsuchida, Nob Ishikawa (manager).

SAK 54-53

...in fourth place, winning five out of 10 contests.....nine players batted .300 and over.....team batting average--.292.

ROSTER: Kaz Kawate, Hajime Nekoda, Kaneto Kase, Joe Kimura, Yosh Shijo, George Honda, Jim Kuranishi, Hish Uyeno, Tak Kawahara, Joe Miyamoto, George Taketa, Joe Watanabe, Bob Kozuki, Ben Kimura, Eizo Arakawa, Shag Okada (manager).

JEROME

...tied for fourth spot with Block 54-53.....team batting average--.196.

ROSTER: Minoru Outa, Chango Tashima, Shunji Doi, Hideo Doi, Bob Nakagawa, Bob Sawada, Fred Takeda, Frank Tsuchiya, Ben Ishizaki, Bob Takemoto, Mas Yoshida, Meiso Watarida, James Kai, Mako Sahara, Kay Kato, Tak Senda, Howard Matsumura, Masao Sakoda, Tojo Matsumura, Katsumi and Ota (managers).

SEINEN DAN

...spoiled second place Toas' chance at the Pacific loop title, trouncing them, 11 to 3...team batting average--.233.

ROSTER: George Morita, Willie Kaminoto, Fred Takao, Louie Shiroma, Mickey Noguchi, Seiya Watanabe, Yoshi Kawato, Sam Sakata, Tsugio Kurakazu, Kenny Kurakazu, Shinto Kurakazu, George Okada, Jimmy Kuromoto and Hajime Murai (managers).

MARYSWILLE

...won four, lost five, tied one, for .444.....team batting average--.233.

ROSTER: Aki Hasegawa, Nori Hasegawa, Mits Hasegawa, Shigeo Yoshimura, Sadao Yoshimura, Yoshito Yoshimura, Shingo Wada, Kyu Yamahata, Eisei Yamahata, Shurei Matsumoto, Yorini Matsumoto, Satoru Kagehiro, Ichiro Yoshimura, Art Tanabe, Joe Abe, Shun Takaoka, Nob Terada, George Hiraoka (manager).

TOPAZ...won three, tied one, out of 11 games for an even .300.....team batting average--.240.

ROSTER: Sam Naito, Yoneo Suehiro, Hisao Shibuya, Mitsuru Matsumoto, Kazuo Kishimoto, Akira Natori, Hiroshi Yamamoto, Toshio Yoshimoto, Masaichi Oi, Manji Fukunaga, Katsumi Onizuka, Yoshiharu Yoshino, Ziuchin Aragaki, Hiroshi Imoto, Yutaka Iwamasa, Yoshio Shijo, George Doioka, Frank Nakano (manager).

HAWAII JRS....won two, lost seven, tied one, for .222...team batting average--.132.

ROSTER: Bob Yoshikane, George Matsumura, Roy Nakamura, Takashi Kitajima, Bert Nakano, Charles Ando, Takashi Shoda, Tetsuro Suzuki, Kazuto Okumoto, Stanley Kitajima, James Ando, Henry Michihara, Akimichi Kimura, Tad Shoda, Haruo Anakawa, Masaji Shinto, Sakao Baba, Koichi Oshiro, Shigeru Oshiro, Jackson Ayano, Tsukasa Fujita, Tamotsu Fujimoto, Kazuo Miyamoto, Bill Tanaka (manager).

BLOCK 42...won two out of nine games for .222.....team batting average--.190.

ROSTER: Roy Fukushima, George Tanaka, Jack Tanaka, Tak Tanaka, George Ohara, Namio Ohara, Frank Marubashi, Jim Tanimoto, Uji Kato, Kiyoshi Okita, George Tanimoto, Hank Marubashi, Mike Tanimoto (manager).

SHISEIGUN...in cellar spot; failed to register win throughout season.....team batting average--.160.

ROSTER: Masao Tateyama, Shigeru Tateyama, Hiroshi Morita, Haruo Tateyama, Keiji Morita, Michio Nishida, Mune Takeoka, Jack Kataoka, Dick Kataoka, Tom Imagawa, Gan Hitomi, Mits Miyakawa, Fred Tanigawa, Mas Taketa, Walt Miyakawa, Jim Tanigawa (coach), Ray Muramoto (manager).

ATLANTIC LEAGUE

Atlantic League was comprised of 11 hardball aggregations. On July 2, 1944, the loop got under way with the Minode-Block 29, Manzanar Fuji-Poston games. Minodes defeated Block 29, 9 to 3, while the latter game ended in a 3 to 3 deadlock. Fujis and Poston, which finished in first and second place, respectively, in the final standing, slugged it out for top honors throughout the season. Poston's only loss was to Block 49, 7 to 6, on August 27.

Heart Mountain was credited as the team amassing the most digits in a single game when they smothered Block 29, 26 to 2.

Following are team rosters in final league standing order.

MANZA-FUJIS

The stalwart Fuji squad was made up mostly of kibe players, ranging in age from 19 to 26. Fujis went through their loop schedule with just two ties to mar their otherwise perfect slate.

The Atlantic champions were managed by Larry Hashimoto, who experienced many a diamond thrill while in Japan, having been on the Hirose championship nine in 1936.

Having one of the best hitting teams in the league, Fujis' team batting average was .341. According to the manager, their most hotly contested game was with the powerful Block 49 aggregation. Fujis, aided by Hashimoto strategy, eked out a 3 to 2 win.

THE ROSTER

Yoshiichi Shibana (c)...experienced two years of hardball playing...at 26 years of age, was oldest member on squad...formerly from Terminal Island, Calif.

Hiroshi Uyeda (3b)...most experienced player, having played four years of baseball, mostly in Japan...is 24 years old...formerly from Pasadena, Calif.

Seiji Sasaki (lf)...one year experience...21 years old...from Los Angeles, Calif.

James Matsuno (lb)...inexperienced prior to the 1944 season...20 years old...from Venice, Calif.

Hisato Kitatani (2b)...played hardball competition for first time...credited with a .411 season's batting performance,, being Fujis' best slugger...21 years of age...from Los Angeles, Calif.

Minoru Kuwabara (rf)...three years experience...25 years old...from Sacramento, Calif.

Yukio Furuta (p)...played one year in Manzanar...22 years old...from Venice, Calif.

Sakuichi Takade (p)...23 years old...from Terminal Island, Calif.

Akira Matsuno (p)...23 years old...from Venice, Calif.

Wada (cf)...no previous experience...19 years old...from Sacramento, Calif.

Sasano (ss)...three years of baseball in Japan...24 years old...from Sacramento, Calif.

POSTON ...played nine games, coming out ahead six times, tying two and dropping one....Poston met their Waterloo when they tangled with third place Block 49 gang...team batting was good, with season's average of .279.

ROSTER: Hiroshi Ichiki, Hideo Kuroda, Tom Daikoku, Fred Okino, Fred Miyake, Larry Fujii, Roy Furumoto, Dick Yoshimi, Taiji Isono, Masanori Ohara, Sadao Nakahara, Frank Ikeda, Tsuneo Tsushima, George Sueoka, Ted Nakahama, George Oganeku Woodrow Imai (manager).

BLK. 49 ...in third place, copping five and dropping three games, for .625....was one of Fujis' stiffest obstacles on their road to the crown....a fair batting team with average of .244.

ROSTER: Fred Dimise, Henry Hamanishi, Bill Hamanishi, Edward Hamanishi, George Hamanishi, Roy Suda, Sat Harada, Henry Terada, Tom Kato, Michio Kato, Kiyoshi Taki, Sumio Taki, Yuki Tabuchi, Fred Watanabe, Jack Hayano, Joe Hayano, Frank

Hirata, Isamu Nojiri, Mitsuru Matsumoto, Howard Tamura (manager).

YAMATOS ...in fourth place, winning four, losing three and tying one, for .571....would have tied for third position with the 49'ers had they won over the lowly Block 60 lads....this proved to be their costliest game....team batting average--.240.

ROSTER: Wally Yoshioka, Tak Muracka, Toru Fukamori, Aki Kushida, Ken Saito, Yosh Ioki, Shin Sako, Mits Hada, Masa Tatsukawa, Tom Kono, Koichi Kawasaki, George Kurimoto, James Nomura, George Suekawa, Mas Nakabayashi, Charlie Oseto, Hiroshi Iwamasa, Kato and Shirohama (coaches), Spike Muracka (manager).

ARAWASHIS ...three wins, three losses and two ties, for an even .500, garnering fifth position....on July 6, met and tied the powerful Manzanar Fuji boys, 3 to 3....was the best hitting team in the B league with team average of .363.

ROSTER: Mickey Kimura, Tadao Nakao, Atsuki Mishiiki, Hide Yonenaka, Hiro Sorakubo, Terry Takasugi, Mits Takasugi, Tak Osada, Roy Niioke, Joe Yamamoto, Min Yokota, George Sano, Martin Natsuhara, Hide Furuya, Liichi Hirata, George Nakao, Kaz Hanano, Masami Kurahara, Matsumoto (manager).

HEARTS ...tied for fifth position with the Arawashis winning and losing four games....team batting average--.280.

ROSTER: Isamu Uchio, Tokio Chida, Tak Chida, Ted Sakamoto, Jim Sakamoto, George Sakamoto, Shig Sakamoto, Shig Sakaguchi, Shig Yamamoto, Shig Sugimoto, Shigeki Hasegawa, Tats Iida, Bill Okamoto, Kengi Kobayashi, Bob Murakami, Dash Kanemori, Yosh Nishiuye, Gus Tsuda, Ben Yoshioka, Lefty Nakawaki, Frank Sumida, Frank Nakao, Taxon Tsujita and Joe Furutani (managers).

HINODES ...out of 10 contests, won four, for .400....team batting average--.276.

ROSTER: Asa Wakinaka, Fred Wakinaka, James Sato, Bill Tamura, Johnny Sueoka, Fred Shingu, Nobuyuki Sugioka, Howard Sakata, George Sakata, Tadao Yamashiro, Harry Oshiro, George Sueoka, Irving Yamauchi, Jun Takumi, Kuni Uno, Harry Sato, Yosh Hada, Jun Kawamura, H. Mikawa (manager).

BLOCK 80 ...won three out of eight games for .375.....team batting average--.223.

ROSTER: Shig Ohata, Kaz Oka, Hiro Ige, Henry Iriye, Ken Wakabayashi, Kiyo Ohata, Tsugi Iriye, Mas Shibata, Jimmy Yamamoto, Yoshiaki Yamamoto, Tad Iwane, Shig Sakamoto, Mas Watanabe, Shig Oka, Hideo Sasaki, Richard Kawana, Las Ishihara, Matsuo Ida, Mas Oyama, Shigeji Ito, Izumi Nishito, Tak Oka, Hirofusa Okumura, Roy Yonemura, Jiro Sasaki, John Nishimoto (manager).

KAMIKAZE ...co-holder of eighth place berth with Block 80.....team batting average--.333.

ROSTER: Manabu Hosokawa, Masayuki Akiyoshi, Tadashi Morimoto, Kazumi Hanano, Henry Honda, Mas Tanaka, Isao Takeichi, Isamu Iwamoto, Charlie Kanda, Bill Tanaka, Teru Neguchi, Sam Nishimura, Masaru Hashimoto, Masatow Ozaki, Jack Shimada, Shigeo Akada, Kay Matsumoto, Rich Takato, Y. Takata (manager).

BLOCK 68 ...won two, lost four, tied once, for .333.....team batting average--.239.

ROSTER: Jim Kai, Porky Sumida, Shinto Sakamoto, Tosh Sakamoto, Hitoshi Naito, Willie Sato, Tuck Kamine, Joe Yamagata, Mori Yoshioka, Mas Yoshioka, Nob Nishimoto, Sam Kanetomo, Charlie Yamakido, Mits Miyakawa, Yoshie Kinoshita, Kumppei Sakaniwa, Himoji Sakaniwa, Sam Kanetomo, Blenn Yamasaki (manager).

BLOCK 29 ...lost eight straight games to land in bottom position.....team batting average--.139.

ROSTER: Kenji Hironaka, Mas Keiunji, Hideo Keiunji, Sharky Fukuda, Soup Yokota, Charlie Nishiyama, George Sakai, Shig Higaki, Yoshio Ebisu, Kiyoshi Fujiwara, Yoichi Mitsutomi, Jimmie Nakashima, Shoichi Matsuo (manager).

BATTING FIGURES...



To say that the minor leagues were bulging with potent stick wielders is not putting it too strongly. Both the Taiseiyo and Taiheiyo circuits had a large share of their players averaging .300 or better.

Taiseiyo loop's Hiro Sorakubo, who patrolled shortfield for the Arawashis, claimed the minor league batting crown by powdering the pill 15 out of 23 trips to the plate, for a torrid .652 percentage.

Toshie Yoshimoto, Topaz keystone sacker, clinched the Taiheiyo batting crown with a sizeable .666 percentage.

OFFICIAL TAISEIYO LEAGUE BATTING AVERAGES

(Compiled by the CA Athletic Dept.)

Seven Games or More

NAME AND CLUB	G	AB	H	Pct.
Hiro Sorakubo, Arawashis	8	23	15	.652
James Sato, Hinodes	10	26	16	.615
Masatow Ozaki, Kamikazes	8	22	12	.545
Shig Oka, Block 80	7	17	9	.529
Masayuki Akiyoshi, Kamikazes	8	23	12	.521
Hickey Kimura, Arawashis	9	25	12	.480
Mits Hado, Yamatos	7	21	9	.476
John Nishiyama, Block 80	7	13	6	.461
Hisato Kitatani, Manzanar Fujis	10	32	14	.441

Less Than Seven Games

NAME AND CLUB	G	AB	H	Pct.
James Sakamoto, Heart Mountain	3	3	3	1.000
Gus Tsuda, Heart Mountain	1	1	1	1.000
Kuni Uno, Hinodes	1	1	1	1.000
Tony Shibata, Poston	1	1	1	1.000

Frank Sumida, Heart Mountain	1	4	3	.750
Jiro Sasaki, Block 80	2	4	3	.750
Bill Okamoto, Heart Mountain	2	3	2	.666
Yosh Aoki, Yamatos	3	7	4	.571
James Matsuno, Manzanar Fujis	5	2	6	.500
Saku Takade, Manzanar Fujis	2	2	1	.500
H. Hamasaki, Manzanar Fujis	2	2	1	.500
Morita, Manzanar Fujis	2	2	1	.500
Dick Yoshimi, Poston	1	2	1	.500
Mas Nakabayashi, Yamatos	1	2	1	.500
Woodrow Imai, Poston	1	2	1	.500
Himeji Sakaniwa, Block 68	3	7	3	.428
Masanori Ohara, Poston	3	7	3	.428
Joe Yamagata, Block 68	6	12	5	.416
Roy Suda, Minodes	6	12	5	.416
Kumpei Sakaniwa, Block 68	4	17	7	.411
Tak Chida, Heart Mountain	2	5	2	.400

OFFICIAL TAIHEIYO LEAGUE BATTING AVERAGES

(Compiled by the CA Athletic Dept.)

Seven Games or More

NAME AND CLUB	G	AB	H	Pct.
Toshio Yoshimoto, Topaz	8	9	6	.666
George Matsumoto, Taiyos	10	25	13	.520
Yoneo Suehiro, Topaz	10	29	15	.517
Johnny Matsumoto, Taiyos	8	21	10	.476
Ken Okumura, Kaseis	10	30	13	.433
Seiya Watanabe, Seinen Dan	9	19	8	.421
Mike Yoko, Taiyos	10	27	11	.407
Suki Akiyoshi, Kaseis	9	35	14	.400

Less Than Seven Games

NAME AND CLUB	G	AB	H	Pct.
R. Itarubashi, Block 42	2	5	3	.600
H. Obana, Seinen Dan	2	6	3	.500
Michio Nishida, Shiseigun	1	2	1	.500
Yutaka Iwamasa, Topaz	4	8	4	.500
Kats Matsumoto, Taiyos	3	13	6	.452
Yoshito Yoshimura, Marysville	5	18	8	.444
George Okada, Seinen Dan	5	12	5	.417

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