

A Schott From The Bleachers

Lenny Yochim Posted 1.000 Batting Average In PCL Play

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In 1955, local baseball personality Lenny Yochim played briefly in the Pacific Coast League, appearing in four games with the Hollywood Stars. Lenny had two times at-bat, collecting two singles with one RBI. That was the extent of his career, and he holds a record which can never be broken in that he had a lifetime batting average of “1.000” as a PCL player – from a pitcher nonetheless.

In searching the major leagues for a perfect performance, we find one Frank O’Conner, also a pitcher, who appeared in three games for the Philadelphia Phillies of 1893. He batted twice and hit one single and one home run (a two-run shot). This was the extent of his major league career, so he batted 1.000 and had a slugging percentage of 2.500. By hitting one homer in two official times at-bat O’Conner recorded a frequency of one homerun in two at-bats, thus translating into 300 homers in 600 times at-bat.

In the American Association last year (1996) pitcher Hector Carrasco of Indianapolis appeared in 13 games and batted one official time. He produced a solo home run for a perfect batting average (1.000) and slugging percentage (4.000).

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