

Nashville Xpress Team History (1993-1994)

SOUNDS

During the 1993 & 1994 seasons, Herschel Greer Stadium became the home for two baseball franchises.

When the Charlotte Knights moved up from the Double-A Southern League to the Triple-A International League prior to the 1993 season, it left a vacancy in the Class AA circuit. New Orleans appealed to join the circuit but the National Association refused, instead placing the former Denver Zephyrs in the city when that team also was forced to move due to MLB expansion.



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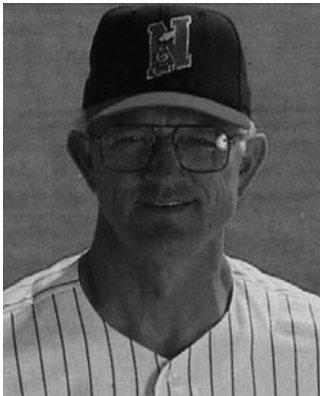
Nashville Sounds owner Larry Schmittou offered Greer Stadium as a temporary solution. The Nashville Xpress was born. The Xpress would schedule home games during the Sounds' roads trips. Nashville would be able to see a professional baseball game nearly every day.

It marked the first time in 21 years that two minor league teams in the United States shared a city.

Baseball America presented its assessment of the two-team experiment when in its "top 10 happenings in minor league baseball," the Nashville duo teams topped the list.

"I regard it as the perfect summer," Schmittou said in an interview with *The Tennessean*. "Actually, by having two teams we have eased some of our problems in terms of seasonal help. We can schedule off-days and provide full-time employment over the summer for a number of people.

ATHLETICS



Xpress Manager Phil Roof

"We'll be under a microscope a little bit, but that has more pluses than minuses. We're going to attract a lot of attention -- things like the *Baseball America* mention. If we do well, and I hope we do, it can only be a feather in our cap."

The new Nashville Xpress went 40-31 to take the first half western division title, but the Minnesota Twins' farm team fell to 32-39 in the second half and were swept in the best-of-five playoffs by the eventual league champion Birmingham Barons. The team was managed by Phil Roof.

Rich Becker was the team's only All-Star; the outfielder hit .287, stole 29 bases in 36 tries, drew 94 walks, and scored 93 runs. The team also got some power from Marty Cordova, who hit 19 homers but struck out a league-high 153 times.

PCL OPPONENTS

Oscar Munoz did not make the All-Star team but somehow still won the Most Valuable Pitcher award with an 11-4, 3.08 season, striking out 139 in 132 innings. Brad Radke (2-6, 4.62), Todd Ritchie (3-2, 3.66) and Eddie Guardado (4-0, 1.24) were also members of the Xpress rotation that year.

In 1994, the team went 74-66 under Roof but did not claim a title in either half. They again drew the fewest fans (135,048) in the league while sharing a stadium with a higher-level team.

The Xpress led the league with a 3.40 ERA and had two of the top six prospects in the circuit -- LaTroy Hawkins (#2 prospect, 9-2, 2.33, 50 H in 73 IP) and Marc Barcelo (#6 prospect, 11-6, 2.65, second in the league with 153 K and 4th in ERA).

The staff also featured Rich Garces (4-5, 3 SV, 3.72), Radke (12-9, 2.66, tied for third in wins and 5th in ERA), and Erik Schullstrom (1-2, 2.63, 8 SV, 43 K in 41 IP).



Eddie Guardado

RECORDS



Damian Miller

Catcher Damian Miller hit .268 and went on to the best career of all 1994 Xpress position players, but the offensive star was second baseman Mitch Simons, who hit .317 to tie for second in the Southern League in batting average. Simons also stole 30 bases in 39 attempts.

Birmingham's Michael Jordan played several games in Nashville while the former Chicago Bulls player was in temporary NBA retirement in 1994.

The interim housing situation met a resolution when the club moved the next year. After attempts to place the team in Lexington, Ky. and Bayamon, Puerto Rico, they wound up in Wilmington, N.C. as the Port City Roosters.

MISC. INFO

1993 Nashville Xpress Statistics (72-70)

MANAGER: Phil Roof PITCHING COACH: Rick Anderson COACH: Mark Funderburk TRAINER: Rick McWane

PLAYER	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SF	SH	HP	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E	
# Becker, Rich, of	.287	138	516	93	148	232	25	7	15	66	3	2	3	94	5	117	29	7	.450	.398	6	
# Corbin, Ted, ss	.333	5	15	2	5	6	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	.400	.412	0	
Cordova, Marty, of	.250	138	508	83	127	224	30	5	19	77	3	0	13	64	3	153	10	5	.441	.347	2	
De La Nuez, Rex, of	.236	115	352	71	83	133	20	3	8	43	6	4	13	93	4	80	23	4	.378	.407	5	
* Dunn, Steve, 1b	.262	97	366	48	96	162	20	2	14	60	4	0	1	35	3	88	1	2	.443	.325	10	
Durant, Mike, c	.243	123	437	58	106	155	23	1	8	57	3	4	6	44	1	68	17	3	.355	.318	5	
Grifol, Pedro, c	.203	58	197	22	40	68	13	0	5	29	3	5	2	11	0	38	0	1	.345	.249	2	
# Hocking, Denny, ss	.267	107	409	54	109	150	9	4	8	50	2	3	4	34	0	66	15	5	.367	.327	30	
Houk, Tom, dh	.229	48	131	17	30	38	3	1	1	16	0	0	1	26	0	28	2	2	.290	.361	9	
* Masteller, Dan, 1b	.273	36	121	19	33	45	3	0	3	16	0	2	1	11	0	19	2	1	.372	.338	2	
* McDonald, Mike, of	.257	82	268	28	69	104	12	1	7	31	4	2	0	30	2	63	1	3	.388	.328	4	
Miller, Damian, c	.231	4	13	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	0	0	.231	.333	0	
# Mota, Willie, 1b	.234	64	201	16	47	67	10	2	2	26	3	2	1	9	1	33	1	1	.333	.266	8	
Raabe, Brian, 2b	.286	134	524	80	150	195	23	2	6	52	4	10	10	56	1	28	18	8	.372	.364	16	
Rivera, David, 2b	.237	105	325	41	77	97	7	2	3	33	1	8	5	17	1	42	35	9	.298	.284	30	
* Stahoviak, Scott, 3b	.272	93	331	40	90	153	25	1	12	56	4	1	1	56	2	95	10	2	.462	.375	24	
All Others	.000		3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000	.000	14	
TOTALS	.257		4717		1213		224		111		40		61		23		164		.388		167	
		142		672		1832		31		613		43		584		925		53		.344		

PITCHER	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	GF	SV	IP	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	AVG				
Barcelo, Marc	1-0	3.86	2	2	0	0	0	0	9.1	9	5	4	2	1	5	5	1	.265				
Best, Jayson	1-0	11.81	3	0	0	0	2	1	5.1	11	7	7	3	0	4	7	1	.440				
De La Nuez, Rex	0-0	9.00	3	0	0	0	2	0	3.0	9	3	3	1	0	0	3	0	.500				
Gavaghan, Sean	4-0	0.49	20	1	0	0	5	1	36.2	21	3	2	0	4	12	30	3	.167				
* Guardado, Eddie	4-0	1.24	10	10	2	2	0	0	65.1	53	10	9	1	2	10	57	2	.221				
Henry, Jon	4-2	2.74	6	6	1	1	0	0	42.2	41	14	13	5	3	7	20	1	.255				
Houk, Tom	0-0	0.00	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	.000				
Johnson, Greg	3-1	2.80	31	0	0	0	27	13	35.1	30	12	11	3	1	10	54	2	.224				
* Klonoski, Jason	4-6	3.16	56	0	0	0	24	3	77.0	69	33	27	3	3	34	56	1	.235				
* Konieczki, Dom	2-6	6.66	42	0	0	0	23	4	48.2	65	47	36	4	1	16	39	5	.327				
* Mansur, Jeff	10-8	4.25	33	19	4	0	4	0	158.2	180	82	75	22	0	38	89	5	.287				
McCreary, Bob	3-8	5.31	38	5	1	0	12	1	78.0	111	55	46	12	3	20	42	6	.333				
Misuraca, Mike	6-6	3.82	25	17	2	1	2	0	113.0	103	57	48	9	5	40	80	7	.239				
Munoz, Oscar	11-4	3.08	20	20	1	0	0	0	131.2	123	56	45	10	4	51	139	12	.243				
* Newman, Alan	1-6	6.03	14	11	1	0	1	0	65.2	75	52	44	4	1	40	35	5	.292				
Raabe, Brian	0-0	54.00	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.0	8	6	6	1	0	0	0	0	.727				
Radke, Brad	2-6	4.62	13	13	1	0	0	0	76.0	81	42	39	6	6	16	76	5	.267				
Ritchie, Todd	3-2	3.66	12	10	0	0	0	0	46.2	46	21	19	2	0	15	41	6	.260				
Rivera, David	0-0	18.00	1	0	0	0	0	0	1.0	2	2	2	0	0	2	0	0	.400				
Robinson, Bob	2-4	5.16	35	0	0	0	0	3	45.1	64	34	26	3	5	15	26	5	.330				
Schullstrom, Erik	1-0	4.85	4	3	0	0	0	0	13.0	16	7	7	1	0	6	11	1	.296				
* Watkins, Scott	0-1	5.94	13	0	0	0	3	0	16.2	19	15	11	2	1	7	17	2	.288				
Wissler, Bill	10-10	3.95	29	25	2	0	1	0	175.1	169	88	77	23	6	48	115	7	.254				
TOTALS	72-70	4.02		142		8		26				651		117		396		77		.288		
						15		107		1246.1		1303		556		46		943				

XPRESS RANKINGS AMONG 1993 SOUTHERN LEAGUE LEADERS

Individual Batting

Rich Becker - 2nd in R, T-2nd in 3B, 5th in OBP
 Marty Cordova - T-1st in XBH (54), T-4th in HR, 5th in R
 Rex Delanuez - 3rd in OBP
 David Rivera - 5th in SB

Individual Pitching

Eddie Guardado - T-4th in SHO
 Jason Klonoski - 3rd in G
 Jeff Mansur - T-1st in CG, T-2nd in HR
 Oscar Munoz - 2nd in K, 4th in ERA, T-4th in W
 Bill Wissler - 1st in HR, 3rd in IP

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PCL OPPONENTS

RECORDS

MISC. INFO

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SOUNDS

PLAYER	AVG	G	AB	R	H	TB	2B	3B	HR	RBI	SH	SF	HP	BB	IBB	SO	SB	CS	SLG	OBP	E
Byrd, Anthony, of	.236	132	559	62	121	179	25	6	7	38	4	3	3	37	0	114	28	10	.350	.290	
* Cepicky, Scott, 1b	.225	96	307	44	69	109	10	3	8	32	2	1	4	39	5	66	8	4	.355	.319	
# Corbin, Ted, ss	.211	51	152	13	32	34	2	0	0	13	1	1	0	10	1	26	0	2	.224	.258	
Daniel, Mike, c	.236	33	110	18	26	51	7	0	6	16	1	0	1	11	0	21	0	0	.464	.311	
Davenport, Adell, 3b	.236	123	457	55	108	188	20	0	20	71	2	5	8	27	3	111	1	1	.411	.288	
# Duncan, Andres, ss	.254	122	397	50	101	143	15	0	9	46	3	3	5	28	1	98	20	8	.360	.309	
Fernandez, Mike, 3b	.000	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	.000	.000	
# Gerald, Ed, of	.272	112	393	64	107	173	15	6	13	52	3	2	0	42	1	107	14	5	.440	.341	
Grifol, Pedro, c	.127	20	55	4	7	10	0	0	1	4	0	1	1	10	0	7	0	0	.182	.269	
Hazlett, Steve, of	.293	123	457	63	134	209	31	1	14	54	6	3	8	37	1	99	9	3	.457	.354	
* Kontorinis, Andy, 1b	.161	9	31	5	5	8	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	6	0	0	.258	.212	
Miller, Damian, c	.268	103	328	36	88	122	10	0	8	35	2	5	1	35	2	51	4	6	.372	.336	
# Moore, Tim, of	.248	123	436	50	108	187	25	0	18	67	2	4	8	38	3	130	9	10	.429	.317	
Russo, Paul, 3b	.227	82	299	43	68	118	14	3	10	40	3	0	3	31	1	77	1	0	.395	.306	
Simons, Mitch, 2b	.317	102	391	46	124	159	26	0	3	48	3	5	6	39	0	38	30	9	.407	.383	
* Stricklin, Scott, c	.237	16	38	4	9	13	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	7	0	11	0	1	.342	.356	
* Tirpack, Ken, 1b	.220	37	127	14	28	38	7	0	1	13	0	0	2	11	1	19	0	1	.299	.293	
Ward, Ricky, 2b	.187	49	150	23	28	53	7	0	6	20	2	1	1	14	0	24	0	1	.353	.259	
TOTALS	.250		4644		1163		218		125		39		51		20		124		.386		168
		140		594		1794		19		552		34		418		1006		61		.317	

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PITCHER	W-L	ERA	G	GS	CG	SHO	GF	SV	IP	TBF	H	R	ER	HR	HB	BB	SO	WP	BK	AVG	
Barcelo, Marc	11-6	2.65	29	28	4	0	0	0	183.1	760	167	74	54	11	9	45	153	8	0	.239	
Corbin, Ted	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	0	2	0	2.0	9	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.375	
* DeJesus, Javier	0-0	0.00	2	0	0	0	1	0	2.0	6	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.000	
Gandarillas, Gus	2-2	3.16	28	0	0	0	20	8	37.0	156	34	13	13	1	4	10	29	6	0	.245	
Garces, Rich	4-5	3.72	40	1	0	0	22	3	77.1	335	70	40	32	5	2	31	76	6	0	.238	
Gavaghan, Sean	5-5	2.33	56	0	0	0	35	13	85.0	366	59	35	22	5	1	56	63	3	0	.197	
Hawkins, LaTroy	9-2	2.33	11	11	1	0	0	0	73.1	297	50	23	19	2	3	28	53	2	1	.191	
Henry, Jon	8-1	2.93	12	9	0	0	1	0	58.1	242	57	22	19	3	4	12	46	0	2	.253	
* Mansur, Jeff	1-9	4.80	34	11	0	0	6	1	93.2	426	115	58	50	10	5	36	52	7	0	.302	
* Miller, Travis	0-0	2.84	1	1	0	0	0	0	6.2	23	3	3	2	0	0	2	4	1	0	.143	
Misuraca, Mike	8-4	3.63	17	17	0	0	0	0	106.2	450	115	56	43	10	5	22	80	4	0	.274	
Moten, Scott	0-1	3.86	3	0	0	0	0	0	4.2	23	5	4	2	0	1	2	4	1	0	.250	
Munoz, Oscar	3-0	0.41	3	3	2	1	0	0	22.0	86	16	1	1	0	1	5	21	1	0	.200	
Naulty, Dan	0-7	5.89	9	9	0	0	0	0	47.1	208	48	32	31	4	1	22	29	3	0	.270	
Norris, Joe	6-8	4.22	36	13	0	0	8	1	111.0	474	106	58	52	6	7	45	83	10	3	.258	
Radke, Brad	12-9	2.66	29	28	5	1	0	0	186.1	741	167	66	55	9	5	34	123	8	1	.240	
Ritchie, Todd	0-2	4.24	4	4	0	0	0	0	17.0	74	24	10	8	1	0	7	9	2	0	.364	
Roberts, Brett	2-1	6.75	5	5	0	0	0	0	20.0	102	30	18	15	1	1	12	11	0	0	.341	
Schullstrom, Erik	1-2	2.63	26	0	0	0	17	8	41.0	164	36	14	12	2	1	6	43	2	0	.237	
* Sweeney, Dennis	1-2	7.09	27	0	0	0	8	0	33.0	168	51	28	26	3	2	18	25	4	1	.352	
* Watkins, Scott	1-0	4.61	11	0	0	0	8	3	13.2	60	13	9	7	1	0	4	11	1	0	.245	
TOTALS	74-66	3.40		140		9		37		5170		564		74		398		69		.252	
					12		128		1221.0		1169		461		52		917		8		

PCL OPPONENTS

RECORDS

XPRESS RANKINGS AMONG 1994 SOUTHERN LEAGUE LEADERS

Team

Led SL in ERA (3.40)
 Led SL in CS%, .435 (81 CS / 186 SBA)
 33-37 at home, 41-29 on road

Individual Batting

Adell Davenport - 3rd in HR
 Steve Hazlett - 4th in TB, 10th in AVG
 Tim Moore - 1st in K
 Mitch Simons - T-2nd in AVG, 4th in OBP, 4th in SB% (.769)

Individual Pitching

Marc Barcelo - T-1st in GS, 2nd in K, 3rd in IP, 4th in ERA
 Sean Gavaghan - 2nd in G, T-3rd in GF
 LaTroy Hawkins - T-1st in Win % (.818)
 Brad Radke (SL All-Star RHP) - T-1st in GS, 2nd in IP, T-3rd in W, 4th in K, 4th in CG, 5th in ERA

MISC. INFO

Nashville Vols Team History (1901-1963)

When the original Southern League folded (1885-99), Nashville lost its professional baseball team. Nashville fielded six teams in that period: the Americans (1885-86), Blues (1887), Tigers (1893-94), and Seraphs (1895).

In 1901, a new league emerged as the Southern Association and Nashville was a charter member. Games were still played in the Sulphur Springs Bottom area of the city. The ballpark was known as Athletic Park and later became famous as Sulphur Dell.

Nashville was excited about their new ball club christened the "Volunteers." But the team was best known as the "Vols." The Vols won the first two Southern Association pennants in 1901 and 1902 behind the leadership of manager Newt Fisher. During the 1902 season, Nashville's Hugh Hill recorded a .416 batting average, a mark never topped in the league.



The Vols would not win another league flag until 1908 with first-year manager Bill Bernhard. The championship was won on the final game of the season at Sulphur Dell. The Vols entered the game with an identical 56 losses as the New Orleans Pelicans. But the Pelicans were in first place with 76 wins to the Vols' second-place 74. Games that were cancelled due to rain were not made up that late in the season. Vols pitcher Vedder Sitton hurled a three-hit, 1-0 shutout. Sitton struck out the final batter to the standing chants of "Sitton! Sitton! Sitton!" Nashville won its third championship by two percentage points.

It would be eight years later when Southern Association fans looked to Nashville for more history. On July 11, 1916 at the Dell, Vols pitcher Tom Rogers delivered a perfect game against the Chattanooga Lookouts (complete game details on page 194). He retired all 27 batters in the 2-0 victory for the team's only perfect gem in its history. The Vols also won their third Southern Association crown behind Rogers' league-leading 24 wins.

The first night game at Sulphur Dell was held on May 18, 1931. Speculation was that night games would attract more fans at the gates. However, baseball purists devoted to day games claimed that only bugs would be the main attraction. The Vols' starting pitcher was Frank Pierce and he faced Mobile's aging veteran, Rube "Red" Oldham. Oldham scattered five hits in his complete-game 8-1 victory. An estimated 7,000 fans attended the game.



A pennant drought of 24 years ended with the arrival of Larry Gilbert as Vols manager in 1939. The former longtime skipper of the New Orleans Pelicans had been lured to Nashville. Gilbert won his first pennant with the Vols in 1940 with Johnny Sain as pitcher and batter. In conjunction with its 100th Anniversary Celebration in 2001, Minor League Baseball named the 1940 Nashville Vols as the 47th best minor league team of all time. Under Gilbert's guidance, the Vols also won the league championship in 1943, 1944, and 1948.

On opening day in 1948 at Sulphur Dell, Vols second baseman Buster Boguskie tied a league record with six hits in a game. In his final plate appearance, the second baseman dropped a bunt towards third base but was narrowly thrown out. A seventh hit would have given Boguskie the record by himself and would still stand today.

Gilbert retired as the Vols manager after the 1948 season and moved into Nashville's front office. His successor, Rollie Hemsley, would win the Vols' ninth overall and final league championship in 1949.

During the 1954 season, droves of fans were attracted to Sulphur Dell to witness the slugging of Vols outfielder Bob Lennon. Lennon clubbed 64 home runs that season, a league record never broken. Forty of the home runs were collected at Sulphur Dell.

The Southern Association folded at the end of the 1961 season. The ballpark was empty the next year, but the Double-A South Atlantic League came to Nashville in 1963 for one season. Poor attendance and financial problems forced professional baseball to leave Nashville at the conclusion of the 1963 season.

The Vols had a batter lead the league in hitting on 18 different occasions. Joining Lennon as a league home run leader were Charles Workman (52) in 1948, Carl Sawatski (45) in 1949, and John Harshman (47) in 1951. Vols sluggers would lead the SA in home runs 15 times.

Sixteen Vols hurlers, more than any other team, led the league in strikeouts throughout the club's history. Some of the outstanding pitching performances were turned in by Boots Poffenberger in 1940 (26-9), Garman Mallory in 1949 (20-4), Bob Schultz in 1950 (25-6) and Jack Harshman in 1953 (23-7).

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Nashville Vols Year-by-Year Results

SOUNDS

YEAR	W	L	PCT	POS	MANAGER	ATTENDANCE
1901	78	45	.634	1	Newt Fisher	n/a
1902	80	40	.667	1	Newt Fisher	n/a
1903	60	54	.526	5	Newt Fisher	n/a
1904	72	67	.518	5	Newt Fisher	n/a
1905	47	88	.348	7	Newt Fisher/Mike Finn	n/a
1906	47	90	.343	7	Mike Finn	n/a
1907	59	78	.431	8	Johnny Dobbs	n/a
1908	75	56	.573	1	Bill Bernhard	n/a
1909	82	55	.594	2	Bill Bernhard	n/a
1910	64	76	.457	5	Bill Bernhard	n/a
1911	69	64	.519	4	Bill Schwartz	n/a
1912	67	70	.489	4	Bill Schwartz	n/a
1913	62	76	.444	7	Bill Schwartz	n/a
1914	77	72	.517	5	Bill Schwartz	n/a
1915	75	78	.490	4	Bill Schwartz	103,399
1916	84	54	.609	1	Roy Ellam	111,418
1917	77	73	.513	5	Roy Ellam	79,018
1918	30	40	.429	7	Roy Ellam	24,119
1919	55	83	.399	8	Roy Ellam	79,014
1920	65	89	.422	7	Roy Ellam	102,529
1921	62	90	.409	6	Hub Perdue	97,057
1922	56	96	.368	7	Larry Doyle	87,893
1923	75	77	.493	6	Jimmy Hamilton	160,302
1924	78	75	.510	4	Jimmy Hamilton	107,403
1925	81	72	.529	3	Jimmy Hamilton	178,633
1926	83	68	.550	4	Jimmy Hamilton	134,803
1927	84	69	.549	4	Jimmy Hamilton	175,875
1928 *	31	42	.425	6	Jimmy Hamilton	96,396
	28	52	.350	8		
1929	90	63	.588	2	Clarence Rowland	154,113
1930	66	87	.431	7	Clarence Rowland	95,060
1931	51	102	.330	8	Joe Klugman	67,338
1932	75	78	.490	4	Joe Klugman	99,615
					Charlie Dressen	
1933 *	39	37	.513	5	Charlie Dressen	80,028
	36	32	.529	3		
1934 *	46	26	.639	1	Charlie Dressen	113,292
	41	39	.513	4	Charlie Dressen	
					Lance Richbourg	
1935	82	69	.543	4	Frank Brazil	98,781
					Lance Richbourg	
					Johnny Butler	
1936	86	65	.570	2	Lance Richbourg	141,369
1937	80	73	.523	5	Lance Richbourg	106,392
1938	84	66	.560	2	Charlie Dressen	128,686
1939	85	68	.550	3	Larry Gilbert	124,232
1940	101	47	.682	1	Larry Gilbert	138,602
1941	83	70	.542	2	Larry Gilbert	97,282
1942	85	66	.563	2	Larry Gilbert	96,934
1943 **	49	26	.653	1	Larry Gilbert	76,570
	34	29	.540	3		
1944 **	32	36	.471	5	Larry Gilbert	146,945
	47	25	.653	1		
1945	55	84	.396	7	Larry Gilbert	83,014
1946	75	78	.490	5	Larry Gilbert	213,284
1947	80	73	.523	3	Larry Gilbert	251,336
1948	95	58	.621	1	Larry Gilbert	269,893
1949	95	57	.625	1	Rollie Hemsley	228,034
1950	86	64	.573	3	Donald Osborn	188,541
1951	78	76	.506	5	Donald Osborn	136,098
1952	73	79	.480	6	Hugh Poland	113,193
1953 #	85	69	.552	2	Hugh Poland	149,578
1954	64	90	.416	7	Hugh Poland	89,470
1955	77	74	.510	5	Joe Schultz	116,952
1956	75	79	.487	7	Ernest White	115,049

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Nashville Vols Year-by-Year Results *(cont'd)*

YEAR	W	L	PCT	POS	MANAGER	ATTENDANCE
1957	83	69	.546	3	Richard Sisler	152,203
1958	76	78	.494	5	Richard Sisler	92,199
1959 *	41	24	.631	2	Richard Sisler	129,125
	43	40	.518	5		
1960	71	82	.464	6	James Turner	99,721
1961	69	83	.454	6	Red Robbins	64,460
1962	DID NOT HAVE TEAM					
1963 *%	24	47	.338	8	John Fitzpatrick	54,564
	29	39	.426	6		
TOTALS	4569	4446	.507			5,849,812

* Split Season

** Split Season with Pennant Winner

Won Four-Team Playoff

% Nashville was a member of the Class AA South Atlantic League in 1963

ALL-TIME NASHVILLE VOLS TEAM 1920-1963

(selected by late Nashville Banner sportwriters Fred Russell and George Leonard)

	<u>Fred Russell</u>	<u>George Leonard</u>
1B	Les Fleming	Les Fleming
2B	Johnny Mihalic	Johnny Mihalic
SS	Lonny Frey	Woddy Williams
3B	Charlie English	Rance Pless
OF	Kiki Cuyler	Babe Barna
	Phil Weintraub	Kiki Cuyler
C	Greek George	Smokey Burgess
	Carl Sawatski	Carl Sawatski
RHP	Tiny Chaplin	Red Lucas
	Red Lucas	Pete Mallory
	Jim Maloney	Jim Maloney
	Boots Poffenberger	Boots Poffenberger
LHP	Jim O'Toole	Jack Harshman
	Bob Schultz	Jim O'Toole
	Boyd Tepler	Bob Schultz
MGR	Larry Gilbert	Larry Gilbert

VOLS STANDOUTS 1901-1919

(selected by late Nashville Banner sportwriter Fred Russell)

1B	Jake Daubert
2B	Ed Abbaticchio
SS	Kid Butler
3B	Art Kores
OF	Tod Sloan
	Gus Williams
	Doc Wiseman
C	Newt Fisher
	Gabby Street
P	Pug Cavet
	Red Fisher
	Hugh Hill
	Hub Perdue
	Tom Rogers
	War Sanders
	Vedder Sitton

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Vols Yearly Batting/Pitching Leaders

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YEAR	BATTER	AVG	PITCHER	W	L	PCT
1901	Abbatichio	.360	Sanders	21	9	.700
1902	Hill *	.416	Hill	21	11	.656
1903	Kennedy	.323	Fisher *	34	11	.686
1904	Bennett	.320	Herman	20	19	.513
1905	Bennett	.304	Herman	16	21	.432
1906	Pearson	.284	Sorrrells	11	11	.500
1907	Hardy	.312	Schopp	6	3	.667
1908	McElveen	.284	Duggan	19	12	.628
1909	Bay	.283	Perdue	23	11	.676
1910	Seabaugh	.284	Viebahn	18	15	.545
1911	Smith	.316	Bair	20	11	.645
1912	Welchince *	.325	Case	18	10	.643
1913	Perry	.297	Williams	18	12	.600
1914	Slogan	.300	Boland	17	13	.567
1915	Paulette	.298	Berger	12	7	.632
1916	Williams	.298	Rogers	24	12	.667
1917	Kniseley	.320	Cavet	21	13	.618
1918	Marshall	.304	Swigler	5	3	.625
1919	McDonald	.324	Perdue	17	12	.586
1920	Burke	.315	Meis	10	7	.588
1921	Burke	.315	Lankenau	10	5	.667
1922	Morse	.289	Lucas	20	18	.526
1923	Cuyler	.340	McQuillan	14	9	.609
1924	Hawks	.336	Lindstrom	20	10	.667
1925	Tolson	.361	Pipgras	19	15	.559
1926	McLarry	.334	Alten	13	7	.650
1927	Taitt	.350	Alten	18	9	.667
			Frey	18	9	.667
1928	Wade	.347	Glaser	6	3	.667
1929	Poole	.340	Frey	22	11	.667
1930	Poole	.364	McCull	17	14	.549
1931	Clabaugh *	.378	Pearce	10	16	.385
1932	Clabaugh *	.382	Reid	12	5	.706
1933	Richbourg	.359	Chaplin	20	11	.645
1934	Weintraub *	.401	Speece	22	8	.733
1935	Taitt *	.355	Chaplin	24	11	.645
1936	Dwyer	.383	Speece	22	9	.710
1937	Hofferth	.320	Starr	19	12	.613
1938	Haas	.338	Crouch	21	8	.724
1939	Haas *	.365	Collier	14	7	.667
1940	Hockett	.363	Poffenberger *	26	9	.743
1941	Fleming *	.414	Meers *	16	5	.762
1942	English *	.341	Tamulis	20	8	.714
1943	Sauer *	.368	Stewart *	18	5	.783
1944	Elko	.351	Tepler *	12	2	.857
1945	Fletcher	.343	Juzek	9	7	.563
1946	Pawelek	.335	Twardy	18	8	.692
1947	Block	.360	Mallory	18	11	.621
1948	Burgess *	.386	Cuccurullo	14	7	.667
1949	Borkowski *	.376	Mallory *	20	4	.833
1950	Neill	.346	Schultz	25	6	.807
1951	Barna *	.358	Modica	13	6	.684
1952	Pless *	.364	Modica	13	9	.591
1953	Taylor *	.350	Harshman	23	7	.767
1954	Lennon *	.345	Burnside	6	4	.600
1955	Williams *	.368	Gross	8	2	.800
1956	Brown	.316	Davis	10	6	.625
1957	Palys *	.359	Kelly	24	11	.686
1958	Fridley *	.348	O'Toole	20	8	.714
1959	Blaylock	.300	Kraly	10	3	.769
1960	Joyner	.307	Maloney	14	5	.737
1961	Christian	.336	Crabbe	10	5	.667
1962	DID NOT HAVE TEAM					
1963	Staehle *	.337	Brown	5	4	.556

* Led League

Vols Batting Champions

YEAR	PLAYER	G	AB	R	H	AVG
1902	Hugh Hill	91	358	99	149	.416
1912	Harry Welchonce	123	471	63	157	.325
1931	Moose Clabaugh	116	439	79	166	.378
1932	Moose Clabaugh	124	445	101	170	.382
1934	Phil Weintraub	101	372	101	149	.401
1935	Doug Taitt	142	546	91	194	.355
1939	Bert Haas	118	460	77	168	.365
1941	Les Fleming	106	374	99	155	.414
1942	Charles English	150	590	99	201	.341
1943	Ed Sauer	136	543	113	200	.368
1948	Forrest Burgess	116	433	93	167	.386
1949	Bob Borkowski	140	471	83	177	.376
1951	Babe Barna	131	438	92	157	.358
1952	Rance Pless	135	538	110	196	.364
1953	Bill Taylor	107	406	75	142	.350
1954	Bob Lennon	153	609	139	210	.345
1955	Charles Williams	141	573	108	211	.368
1957	Stan Palys	134	493	116	177	.359
1958	Jim Fridley	142	515	85	179	.348
1963	Marvin Staehle	109	412	54	139	.337

HR Champs

YEAR	PLAYER	HR
1919	Tex McDonald	8
1928	Dick Wade	24
1929	Jim Poole	33
1930	Jim Poole	50
1931	Moose Clabaugh	23
1932	Stanley Keyes	35
1933	Dutch Prather	23
1935	Doug Taitt	17
1936	Doug Taitt *	20
1937	Willie Duke	19
1940	Gus Dugas **	22
1942	Charles Workman	29
1944	Mel Hicks	16
1946	Ted Pawelek	15
1948	Charles Workman	52
1949	Carl Sawatski	45
1951	John Harshman	47
1954	Bob Lennon	64
1955	Robert Hazle	29

* Tied with Earl Webb of Knoxville

** Tied with Dutch Meyer of Knoxville

20-Game Winners

YEAR	PITCHER	W	L
1901	Guy Sample	25	14
	War Sanders	21	9
	George Blackburn	21	12
1902	Hugh Hill	21	11
	War Sanders	20	19
1903	Red Fisher	24	11
1904	Bill Herman	20	19
1909	Hub Perdue	23	11
1911	Hydie Bair	20	11
1914	Heine Berger	20	17
1916	Tom Rogers	24	12
1917	Pug Cavet	21	13
1920	Zeke Lohman	20	19
1922	Red Kucas	20	18
1924	Alex Lindstrom	20	10
1929	Benny Frey	22	11
1932	Frank Pearce	20	11
1933	Tina Chaplin	20	11
1934	Byron Speece	22	8
1935	Tiny Chaplin	24	11
	Sharkey Eiland	20	16
1936	Byron Speece	22	9
1938	Bill Crouch	21	8
1940	Boots Poffenberger	26	9
1942	Vito Tamulis	20	8
1949	Pete Mallory	20	4
1950	Bob Schultz	25	6
1953	Jack Harshman	23	7
1957	Bob Kelly	24	11
1958	Jim O'Toole	20	8

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Tom Rogers' Perfect Game - July 11, 1916

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On July 11, 1916, Vols pitcher Tom Rogers hurled a perfect game in Nashville's Sulphur Dell. The right-hander was born in Sparta, Tenn., in 1892 and was known as "Shotgun" and "the Gallatin Gunner." The previous season, he nearly signed a contract with the St. Louis Browns, but they decided he needed more polishing at Nashville.



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The Vols were in a battle with the New Orleans Pelicans for the Southern Association pennant while leading the standings by one game. Vols skipper Roy Ellam was in a pitching dilemma. With his pitching staff shaken up by injuries and recent poor performances, Rogers was placed into the lineup with only two days' rest.

The third-place Chattanooga Lookouts were in the Dell on this summer afternoon, seven games behind the league-leading Vols. The Lookouts countered with left-hander Jim Allen on the mound. Allen was nearly as effective as he only allowed one hit, three walks, and a hit batter in the game. The game was scoreless and hitless until a breakdown by the Chattanooga defense occurred in the 7th inning.

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Tommy Sheehan of the Vols led off the 7th inning beating out a hit to deep short for the first and only hit of the game for either team. Howard Baker sacrificed Sheehan to second, followed by a fly ball to Lookouts centerfielder Bob Messenger. Messenger was about to make the catch when leftfielder Joe Harris leaped in front of Messenger, interfering with the catch. The baseball fell to the ground for an error, leaving runners on second and third with one out.

Chattanooga Lookouts 0			
Player	AB	R	H
Messenger, of	3	0	0
Pitler, 2b	3	0	0
Elberfield, ss	3	0	0
Harris, lf	3	0	0
Hyatt, 1b	3	0	0
Graff, 3b	3	0	0
Kitchins, c	3	0	0
Jantzer, rf	3	0	0
Allen, p	2	0	0
Peters, ph	1	0	0
Totals.....	27	0	0

Nashville Vols 2			
Player	AB	R	H
Lee, cf	4	0	0
Sheehan, 2b	4	1	1
Baker, rf	1	0	0
Williams, lf	3	1	0
Kauffman, 1b	2	0	0
Kores, 3b	2	0	0
Ellam, ss	2	0	0
Street, c	3	0	0
Rogers, p	3	0	0
Totals.....	24	2	1

Score by Innings	R	H	E			
Chattanooga.....	000	000	000	0	0	3
Nashville.....	000	000	20x	2	1	0

S: Baker, Kauffman, Kores.

Strikeouts: Allen 3; Rogers 4. Walks: Allen 3. HBP: Baker (Allen).

Umpires - Breitenstein, Pfenninger
Time - 1:25

Vols first baseman Dick Kauffman dropped a bunt at Allen, who bobbed the ball scoring Sheehan from third on another error. Williams then concluded the scoring when Art Kores successfully executed a squeeze bunt. Ellam walked and Gabby Smith popped out to finish the inning.

With two outs in the Lookouts ninth, reserve catcher John Peters entered the game to pinch-hit for Allen. Not wanting his team to end the game without a hit, a determined Peters hit a weak fly, which Sheehan caught for a 2-0 win.

Rogers faced 27 batters and retired each for the Vols' only perfect game in their history. Only four balls were hit out of the infield by Chattanooga batters. After the sixth inning, the coaches for the Lookouts became so frustrated with Rogers' perfection, they put on a heckling show from the coaches boxes. In an attempt to upset Rogers' composure, the Lookouts began a barrage of distracting cat-calls and jeering, but to no avail as Rogers continued to mow them down and record history.

Just three weeks prior to his perfect game, Rogers was involved with one of the rarest tragedies that can occur in professional baseball. A Rogers pitch struck Mobile Gulls batter Johnny Dodge in the face on June 18, 1916, in Mobile, Ala. He was knocked unconscious and died the next day. Dodge was born in Bolivar, Tenn., and had been a Vols teammate of Rogers in 1915.

The Vols won the Southern Association championship in 1916, and Rogers tied for the league lead with 24 wins against 12 losses. Rogers made his major league debut the following season with the St. Louis Browns.

Rogers went on to enjoy four major league seasons with the Browns (1917-19), Philadelphia A's (1919), and New York Yankees (1921). He registered a 3.95 career ML ERA in 414.2 innings and pitched in the 1921 World Series.

The Sparta, Tenn. native retired following his 1921 World Series appearance for the Yankees and died in Nashville on March 7, 1936 at the age of 44.

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FIVE NO-HITTERS THROWN IN VOLS HISTORY (*=Perfect Game)

<u>Vols Pitcher</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Score</u>
John Duggan	September 10, 1908	Little Rock	1-0
Charlie Case	August 31, 1909	New Orleans	1-0
Tom Rogers*	July 11, 1916	Chattanooga	2-0
Umberto Flammini	July 21, 1951	Atlanta	2-0
Ed Kikla	July 17, 1963	Augusta	8-0 (7 inn.)