

The Major Leagues Visit Rhode Island

Wartime Baseball, 1942-1945

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The 1944 Quonset Flyers

Back row (L to R): Bill Frazier (UT), Walter Helwig (P), Eddie Bart (OF), John Patrick (P), Stan Slaktowicz (C), Paul Spennrath (1B and co-captain), Geo. Salamon (P), Art Priebe (SS), Felix Wendelschaefel (OF), Larry Bradley (2B), Frank Rabcyk (P), Dick Diamovsky (OF)

Front row (L to R): Ed Pullins (2B & co-captain), Jim Patlyek (C), Bob Hegwood (P), Chief Ray "Fido" Murphy (Mgr & coach), Art Shaughnessy (3B), Lefty Mildenerger (P), Al Mills (C)
Seated in front: Mascot Peter Shellenberger (son of Lt. Cmdr. Homer Shellenberger, Quonset Welfare Officer)¹

The state of Rhode Island has not had a major league baseball team of its own since the Providence Grays of the National League folded after the 1885 season, but other major league clubs have made brief visits to the state to play exhibition games. A spreadsheet of "In Season Exhibition Games 1921-2012" on the Retrosheet website² lists 59 games held in Rhode Island between 1921 and 1999 that featured American League and National League teams, and I have found nine additional games so far. Since 1973, all of the games featured the Boston Red Sox, who scheduled annual exhibitions against their top farm team, the Pawtucket Red Sox, from 1973 through 1999, plus one game versus an International League All-Star Team in 1977.

The greatest concentration of major league exhibition games in Rhode Island took place during World War II. During the four baseball seasons that overlapped America's involvement in the war, from 1942-1945, 28 games were played in the state. These games fell into two categories: games against military teams, which were very common during the war (at least 175 games across the country³), and contests held at the new Pawtucket Stadium in Pawtucket, Rhode Island against the minor league Pawtucket Slaters.⁴ The rosters of the major league teams would become diluted during the war due to 4,500 professional baseball players⁵ serving in the U.S. Military, but their visits still brought plenty of excitement.

With one exception, when major league teams visited Rhode Island during World War II to play a military team, they stopped at one of the U.S. Navy's newest facilities. The Quonset Point Naval Air Station and Davisville Navy Construction Battalion Center were located on adjacent parcels of land on the western shore of Narragansett Bay in the town of North Kingstown. Prior to the outbreak of the war in Europe the site was shared by the local National Guard and a large collection of summer homes; when the Navy took the land for the Air Station by eminent domain in 1940, they had to haggle with the owners of 620 individual lots and pay about \$1 million for the 379 acres. (The state of Rhode Island donated the 244 acres in use by the National Guard.)⁶ When the Navy initially chose the site in March 1939 its intention was to base seaplanes there as part of a planned "Neutrality Patrol." But by May 1940, with war raging in Europe, the proposal had expanded to a \$24 million facility to serve as the Navy's primary northeastern base. A year of construction transformed the site, replacing the natural coastal landscape that had featured a graceful "point" projecting into the Bay with a largely homogenized, flattened plot of land that had been expanded by over 300 acres through the use of material removed from the Bay during dredging operations to accommodate the depth of modern Naval vessels.⁷ When it was officially commissioned on July 12, 1941, Quonset Point was described as the "biggest air base" in the continental United States.⁸

The Navy expanded its operations in the area by acquiring 840 additional acres in February 1942, and began construction of the Navy Construction Battalion Center, the northeastern home of the "Seabees" (a play on the abbreviation "CB") who specialized in building bases and other facilities for the Navy around the globe.⁹ An Advance Base Depot, primarily for storage and staging of construction materials, opened first, just to the north of Quonset's runways, right on the Bay. By June, work on a Naval Construction Training Center was underway on the western edge of the air base; when it officially opened in April 1943, it was named Camp Endicott in honor of the late Rear Admiral Mordecai T. Endicott who had overseen the construction of the Panama Canal.¹⁰ In November, the Advance Base Depot Receiving Barracks, north of Davisville Road, which housed servicemen passing through Davisville for training or other purposes, was renamed Camp Thomas in honor of the late Captain Robert Thomas who had died in a plane crash while returning to the West Coast of the United States from Pearl Harbor 8 months earlier.¹¹

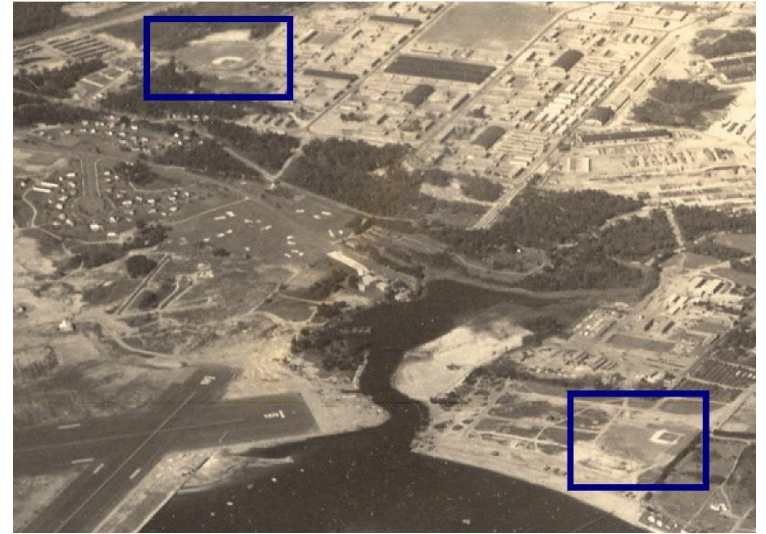
After the United States formally entered the war in December 1941, many major league baseball players enlisted or were called to service. Military bases across the country fielded baseball teams to maintain morale, along with other sports teams, and Quonset/Davisville was no exception. In addition to a team from Quonset Point, both Camp Thomas and Camp Endicott had their own teams, with their own "home parks" that featured dugouts and bleachers.¹² Each team played games against a variety of college and local semipro teams, in addition to exhibitions against major league teams.¹³ The nearby Boston Red Sox and Boston Braves were frequent opponents, but visiting clubs from both the American and National Leagues would also stop in Rhode Island, either before or after completing a series in Boston.

Arial photograph of Quonset Point Naval Air Station, April 7, 1947¹⁴



Note that the baseball field in the upper right is visible in the Davisville 1945 image on the next page, but the other field is not.

Aerial photograph of Naval Advance Base Depot Davisville, 1945¹⁵



Note: The runways for the Quonset Point Naval Air Station are visible in the bottom-left corner of both images.
Image on the right created by zooming in the original image.

Meanwhile, the Pawtucket Slaters of the New England League began playing at the new "Pawtucket Stadium" on July 5, 1942, the day after its official opening ceremony on the Fourth of July.¹⁶ The stadium was built on the site of Hammond's Pond, and is also referred to as "Hammond Pond Stadium" in contemporary newspaper accounts.

Ad in *Providence Journal*, August 20, 1942

**FLOODLIGHT
BASEBALL**

TONITE, AT 8:30

**PAWTUCKET
VS.
BOSTON BRAVES**

Reserved Seats 75c
General Admission . . 50c
Children 20c

Tax included

Pawtucket Stadium

Story in *Providence Journal*, July 5, 1942

Hadley to Face Slaters

Frasers of Lynn to Assist in
Dedication Game at Paw-
tucket Tonight.

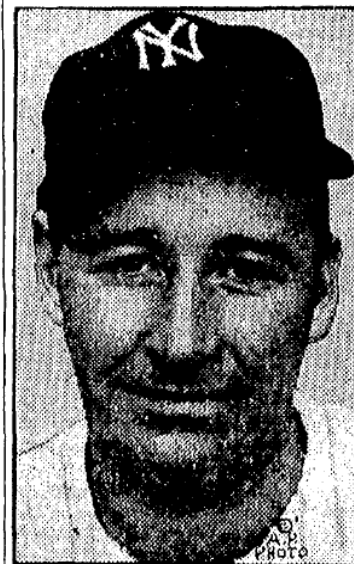
The Lynn Frasers will be a party to the opening of the Pawtucket Slaters' new home, the Pawtucket Stadium, tonight under the lights at 8:30 o'clock in a New England League baseball game.

Irving "Bump" Hadley, former New York Yankee slabster and one-time Brown University ace, is scheduled to be the visiting club's ace-in-the-hole against the Slaters of Dona Maynard. "Bump" has plenty of pitching cunning and all the experience needed to halt the hard-hitting Pawtucket nine.

Manager Dona Maynard of the Slaters will counter with Ed Murphy, ex-Holy Cross mound expert and reputedly a formidable opponent for the veteran Hadley. In addition, Ray Milnar, also of Holy Cross, and a brother of Al Milnar of the Cleveland Indians, will be back in the Slaters' lineup. Ray played one game earlier in the season for Pawtucket, but received an injury that has sidelined him since.

The last meeting between these teams ended in a near riot, with players, umpires and spectators mixing it on the field.

There will be no admission charge, but sellers who customarily sell tickets will sell nothing but war stamps.



Irving "Bump" Hadley

Fans will be required to buy at least a 25-cent stamp in order to gain admission. Purchasers will merely show the stamps, and will be allowed to retain them.

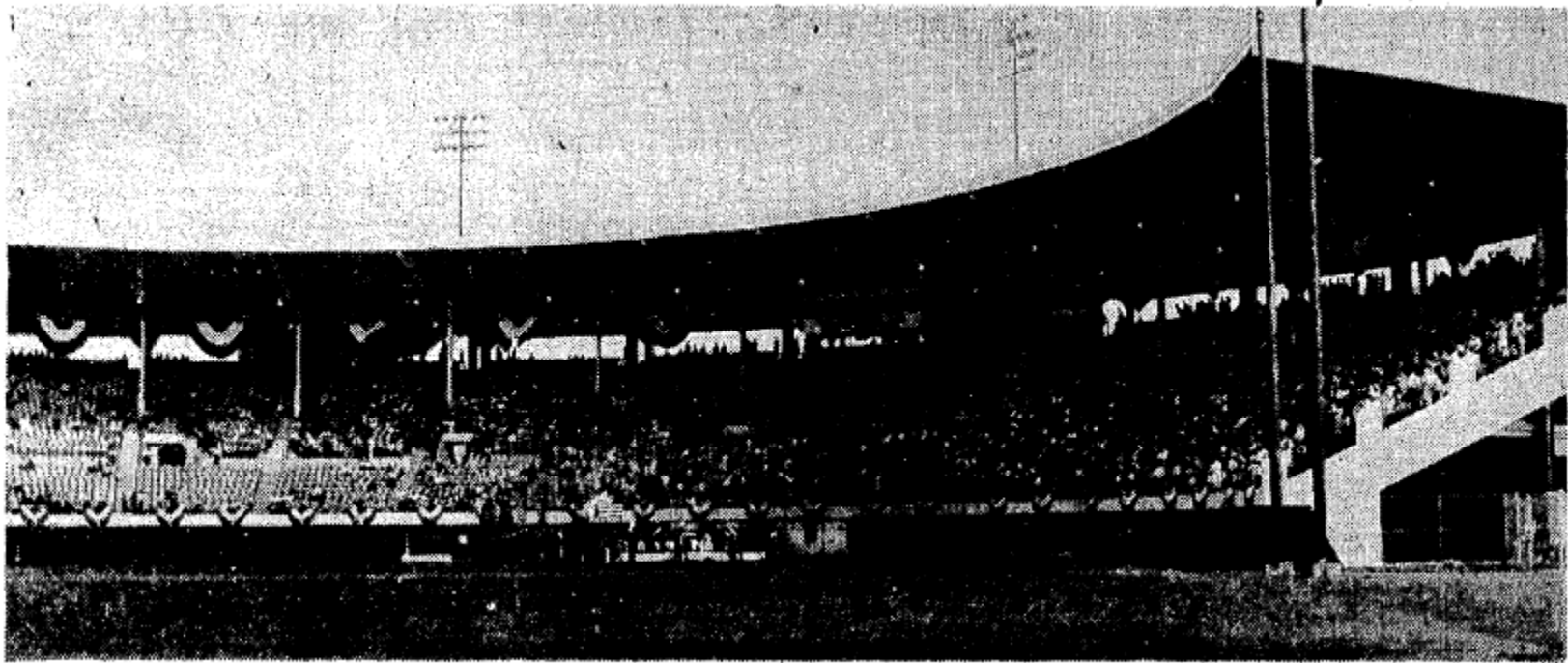
This afternoon the Slaters meet Woonsocket at Roosevelt Park in a league contest. Steve Fallon, former coach of basketball at St. Raphael and ex-Providence College athlete, will be on the mound for the home team. Carl Cheney or Walter Morris will handle the slab assignment for the Slaters.

Six weeks after its official opening, the Braves visited on August 20 and lost to the Slaters, 3-2 in 10 innings. The Braves tied the game in the bottom of the ninth inning on an RBI single by center fielder Tommy Holmes, but the Slaters won it in the tenth when left fielder Archie Allen's squeeze play bunt scored shortstop Fred Lanifero.¹⁷ On September 25, the Red Sox came to town, defeating the Slaters 8-2. Ted Williams tripled in the sixth inning, one of 14 hits for the Red Sox.¹⁸ There would be six more exhibition games between the Slaters and major league teams at the stadium over the next three years; the Slaters defeated the Braves again in July 1943, but lost the other five games to the Philadelphia Phillies, Brooklyn Dodgers, New York Yankees, and Braves (twice).¹⁹

Pawtucket Mayor Thomas McCoy had championed the construction of the stadium despite mammoth cost overruns and significant construction delays caused by the swampy nature of the site. The park would be renamed as "Thomas P. McCoy Memorial Stadium" on June 6, 1946 following McCoy's unexpected death on August 15, 1945.²⁰

From the *Providence Journal*, July 5, 1942

At Long Last, the Dedication of Mayor McCoy's Stadium



GENERAL SCENE at the formal opening of Hammond Pond Stadium, Pawtucket, yesterday. Below: The ceremonies included the mass induction into the Navy of these local young men. The flags in the background are from various posts of the Legion, its Auxiliary and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

List of Games, 1942-1945

DAY	DATE	#	VISITOR	HOME	INN	LOCATION*	ATT	SCHEDULING NOTES
Thu	8/20/1942		Boston Braves	2 Pawtucket Slaters	3 (10)	Pawtucket Stadium	10,000	
Fri	9/25/1942		Boston Red Sox	8 Pawtucket Slaters	2	Pawtucket Stadium	12,000	
Tue	6/8/1943		Boston Red Sox	8 Quonset Flyers	2	Quonset Point	²¹	
Mon	6/21/1943		Philadelphia Phillies	3 Pawtucket Slaters	2	Pawtucket	3,500	Phillies in Boston vs. Braves June 20-24 for 6 games incl. 2 DH's; ²² 1 scheduled, 1 make-up
Tue	7/13/1943		St. Louis Cardinals	6 Boston Coast Guard	3	Aldrich Field		Same day as MLB All-Star Game Cardinals in Boston vs. Braves July 9-11
Thu	7/15/1943		Boston Braves	0 Pawtucket Slaters	5	Pawtucket Stadium	6,000	
Mon	9/20/1943		Philadelphia Phillies	0 Camp Endicott Seabees	0 (7)	Davisville		Phillies in Boston vs. Braves Sept 16-19 for 6 games in 3 days due to rainouts ²³
Mon	5/8/1944		Boston Red Sox	8 Quonset Flyers	3	Quonset Point		
Tue	5/9/1944	1	Cleveland Indians	7 Camp Thomas Seabees	0 (7)	Davisville		Indians in Boston vs. Red Sox May 10-12
Tue	5/9/1944	2	Cleveland Indians	5 Camp Endicott Seabees	5 (8)	Davisville		
Fri	6/16/1944	1	New York Giants	7 Camp Thomas Seabees	3 (7)	Davisville		Giants in Boston vs. Braves June 17-18 for 2 DH
Fri	6/16/1944	2	New York Giants	4 Camp Endicott Seabees	1 (7)	Davisville		
Mon	6/19/1944		Philadelphia Phillies	5 Pawtucket Slaters	1	Pawtucket Stadium	3,000	Phillies in Boston vs. Braves June 23-25 4 games
Tue	6/27/1944	1	Boston Red Sox	3 Camp Thomas Seabees	1 (7)	Davisville		
Tue	6/27/1944	2	Boston Red Sox	5 Camp Endicott Seabees	2 (7)	Davisville		
Tue	6/27/1944		Chicago White Sox	10 Quonset Flyers	2	Quonset Point		White Sox in Boston vs. Red Sox June 28-30
Wed	7/12/1944	1	Boston Braves	7 Camp Thomas Seabees	1 (7)	Davisville		Day after the MLB All-Star Game
Wed	7/12/1944	2	Boston Braves	1 Camp Endicott Seabees	0 (7)	Davisville		
Thu	7/13/1944		Boston Braves	11 Pawtucket Slaters	0	Pawtucket Stadium	6,000	
Tue	7/18/1944		Boston Braves	6 Quonset Flyers	0	Quonset Point		
Thu	8/31/1944	1	Philadelphia Athletics	7 Camp Endicott Seabees	0 (7)	Davisville		Athletics in Boston vs. Red Sox Sept 1-3
Thu	8/31/1944	2	Philadelphia Athletics	2 Quonset Flyers	3 (8)	Quonset Point		
Tue	9/5/1944		Brooklyn Dodgers	5 Pawtucket Slaters	4 (13)	Pawtucket Stadium	N/A	Dodgers in Boston vs. Braves Sept 4 for DH
Mon	4/23/1945		Philadelphia Athletics	23 Camp Endicott Seabees	6 (7)	Davisville		Athletics in Boston vs. Red Sox April 20-22
Mon	6/25/1945		Boston Braves	2 Camp Endicott Seabees	1	Davisville		
Mon	7/30/1945		New York Yankees	4 Pawtucket Slaters	3	Pawtucket Stadium	13,000	Yankees in Boston vs. Red Sox July 31-Aug 2
Tue	8/28/1945		Boston Braves	7 Pawtucket Slaters	6 (12)	Pawtucket Stadium	8,100	
Tue	9/25/1945		Boston Braves	1 Quonset Flyers	7	Quonset Point		

Games shorter or longer than 9 innings noted in parenthesis (N).

Game Summaries and Box Scores

August 20, 1942

Pawtucket Stadium, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Pawtucket Slaters 3

Boston Braves 2 (10 innings)

Notes: Slaters shortstop Fred Lanifero, who scored the winning run on Archie Allen's squeeze bunt, was a Rhode Island native who played in the lower rungs of the Cardinals and Browns organizations before the war. Lanifero would later play seven-plus years for the Albany Senators, a low-level affiliate of the Pirates and Red Sox; his last season in organized pro ball was 1954.

Slaters center fielder Alex Nahagian was the captain of the Holy Cross baseball team in 1942²⁴ and would play in the post-war New England League from 1946 through 1948. (I found him listed as a "left halfback" for the football team.) Starting pitcher Ed Murphy also starred for Holy Cross and would later pitch for the military team at Fort Devens in Massachusetts.²⁵

Casey Stengel managed the Braves.

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, August 21, 1942

SLATERS						BOSTON					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Lee, 2.....	4	1	2	3	2	Holmes, cf.	4	0	3	1	0
xSullivan, 0	0	0	0	0	0	Ross, rf....	1	0	0	1	0
Allen, lf... 4	0	1	2	0	0	Waner, rf... 2	0	0	1	0	0
Jusezyk, 3. 4	0	0	0	0	0	F'nan'd'z, lf 5	0	2	2	0	0
N'h'gian, cf 4	1	1	2	0	0	West, 1.... 5	1	2	16	0	0
D'h'dian, rf 4	0	1	5	0	0	L'nbardi, c 1	0	1	2	0	0
Bell, c.... 4	0	1	4	3	0	Masl, c.... 4	0	1	1	2	0
M'C'm'n, 1 4	0	2	9	0	0	Miller, s... 5	0	1	1	7	0
Lanifero, s 3	1	1	5	1	0	Sisti, 2.... 5	0	0	2	3	0
Murphy, p. 4	0	0	0	3	0	Roberge, 3. 4	0	1	1	2	0
						Early, p... 2	0	0	0	3	0
						Donovan, p 0	0	0	0	1	0
						zKlutz.... 1	1	0	0	0	0

Totals..	35	3	0	30	9	Totals	39	2	11	*28	18
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Slaters	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	-3
Boston	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	-2

Errors—Nahagian, Lanifero 2. Hits—Off Early 8 in 8 innings, off Donovan 1 in 1 1-3. Stolen base—Lee. Two-base hits—Allen, Lee, Holmes 2. Three-base hit—Lanifero. Home run—Nahagian. Sacrifice hits—Allen, Lanifero, Early. Double play—Miller, Sisti and West. Struck out—By Murphy 4, by Early 3, by Donovan 1. Bases on balls—Off Murphy 3. Time of game—2h. 10m. Umpires—Cleary and McGarrigle.

xBatted for Lee in 10th.

zBatted for Early in 9th.

*One out when winning run was scored.

September 25, 1942

Pawtucket Stadium, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Boston Red Sox 8

Pawtucket Slaters 2

Notes: Bill "Lefty" Lefebvre started for the Slaters and pitched the first six innings. Lefebvre was born in Natick, Rhode Island but won two state high school baseball titles playing for Pawtucket.²⁶ He spent four years in the Red Sox system, playing a handful of games in the majors, and had been purchased by the unaffiliated Minneapolis Millers prior to the 1942 season.

Artie Bell and Ted McConnon scored in the eighth inning when Wally Sullivan hit a ground ball that was mishandled by Boston shortstop Johnny Pesky.²⁷ Tex Hughson, who had won his 21st game of the season for the Red Sox four days earlier against the Yankees (an 11-inning complete game), started for Boston. Two days after this exhibition game, he made his final start of the season and defeated the Yankees again.

Al Schacht, known as the "clown prince of baseball" made a "surprise appearance" and entertained the crowd.²⁸ On the field prior to the game, 12 young men were inducted into the Navy.²⁹

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, September 26, 1942

BOSTON RED SOX						PAWT. SLATERS					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Gilbert, cf.	5	2	3	1	0	N'higlan, cf	3	0	1	2	0
Pesky, ss..	5	3	3	3	5	Lee, 2.....	3	0	0	2	3
Willi'ns, lf	5	0	1	1	0	Allen, lf...	3	0	0	0	0
Lupien, lb.	5	0	3	11	2	Creedon, rf	3	0	1	4	0
P. Fox, rf..	4	1	1	0	0	Aleno, 3...	4	0	0	0	4
Doerr, 2b..	5	0	1	1	3	Bell, c.....	2	1	0	7	2
L.N'sme, 3	3	0	0	1	0	M'C'nnon, 1	4	1	2	9	0
Tabor, 3...	2	0	0	0	2	Huston, s..	4	0	0	3	0
Peacock, c.	5	1	2	7	0	LeFebvre, p	2	0	1	0	0
Hughson, p	0	0	0	0	0	Fallon, p..	0	0	0	0	0
Butl'nd, p.	0	0	0	1	1	Jusezyk, 2.	1	0	0	0	0
aCronln..	0	1	0	0	0	Driesew'd, p	0	0	0	0	0
Brown, p..	1	0	0	0	1	Sullivan, lf.	1	0	0	0	0
Judd, p...	0	0	0	0	0	D'nab'd'n, r	1	0	0	0	0
Campbell, 1	0	0	0	1	0						

Totals	40	8	14	27	14	Totals	31	2	5	27	9												
Innings						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9									
Red Sox						2	0	0	0	0	4	1	1	0—8									
Slaters						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0—2									
Errors—Pesky, Lee.						Hits—Off Hughson																	
												1 in 2	innings, off Butland	1 in 3,	off Brown								
												1 in 2,	off Judd	2 in 2,	off Le Febvre	13 in							
												7,	off Fallon	1 in 1,	off Drieseward	0 in 1.							
												Two-base hits—Gilbert.				Three-base hits—							
												Pesky, Williams.				Double plays—Butland to							
												Pesky to Lupien, Carey to Pesky to Camp-				bell.							
												Struck out—By Hughson				1, by Brown							
												3, by Le Febvre				6, by Judd				2, by Driesew-			
												ard.				First base on balls—Off LeFebvre				3,			
												off Judd				4.				Passed ball—Judd.			
												Hit by				pitched ball—By LeFebvre (Fox).				Left on			
												bases—Boston				9, Slaters				6.			
												Time of game				—2h. 15m.				Umpires—Cleary, McGarrigle.			
												abatted for Butland				in 6th.							

June 8, 1943

Quonset Point, Rhode Island

Boston Red Sox 8

Quonset Flyers 2

Notes: Woonsocket, Rhode Island-native Lou Lucier relieved Heber "Dick" Newsome after the first two innings and finished the game for the Red Sox. Boston scored all eight runs off Quonset's starter, Bob Balaski.

Lt. Junior Grade Pete Appleton, who had been playing the majors since 1927, made his debut as a coach for Quonset.

"The game was called after seven innings to permit the Red Sox to catch an early train back to Boston."³⁰

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, June 9, 1943

RED SOX						QUONSET NAVAL AIR STATION							
	ab	r	h	po	a								
DiM'glo, cf	2	0	1	1	0	Bart, lf	4	0	1	4	0		
Miles, cf	1	0	0	0	0	Nunziato, 3b	4	0	0	1	2		
Fox, rf	3	0	0	0	0	Priebe, s	3	0	0	2	1		
Karl, rf	0	0	0	2	0	W'd's'fer, 1b	3	0	1	8	0		
Lupien, 1b	3	0	0	4	0	Caruso, 2b	3	0	0	1	1		
Ryba, 1b	1	0	1	2	0	Kauzl'ch, cf	3	1	0	2	0		
Tabor, 3b	3	2	1	0	1	O'Keefe, rf	1	0	0	0	0		
Garrison, 3b	1	0	0	0	2	Pl'gem'n, rf	1	0	0	0	0		
Doerr, 2b	2	2	1	0	0	Picarell, c	2	0	1	1	0		
Peacock, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	Cohen, c	0	1	0	2	0		
Lazor, lf	4	1	0	5	0	Balaski, p	0	0	0	0	1		
Partee, c	2	1	1	2	0	H'l'gsw'th	1	0	0	0	0		
Conroy, c	1	0	0	3	0	Murphy, p	1	0	0	0	1		
L N'w'me, s	2	1	0	2	0								
Lake, s	1	0	0	0	0								
H N's'me, p	1	0	1	0	1								
*Simmons	1	1	0	0	0								
Lucier, p	1	0	0	0	1								
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Totals	30	8	6	21	5	Totals	26	2	3	21	6		
Innings					Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Red Sox					Red Sox	0	3	5	0	0	0	0
Quonset Naval Air Station					Quonset Naval Air Station	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Errors—Garrison 2, Picarell, Nunziato 2, Balaski. Hits off—H Newsome, 1 in 2, off Lucier, 2 in 5, off Balaski, 4 in 3 off Murphy 2 in 4. Stolen base—Doerr. Sacrifice—Caruso. Struck out—by H Newsome 1 by Lucier 4 by Balaski 1 by Murphy 2. Base on balls—off H Newsome 1 off Lucier 2, off Balaski 5 off Murphy 1, Hit by pitcher—by Murphy (DiMaggio). Left on bases—Red Sox 8 Quonset 6. Time of game—1h 19m. Umpires—Orlieve, Summers and Murphy.													

*Batted for H Newsome in 3rd.

†Batted for Balaski in 3rd.

June 21, 1943

Pawtucket Stadium, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Philadelphia Phillies 3

Pawtucket Slaters 2

Notes: Danny MacFayden started for Pawtucket. MacFayden had starred for Somerville (Massachusetts) High School in the early 1920's, and was a 16-year major league veteran with stops with the Red Sox, Yankees, Reds, Braves, Pirates, and Senators. His big-league career appeared to be over after 1941; he was scouting for the Braves and serving as the commissioner of amateur baseball in Maine at the time of this game.³¹ Eleven days later, MacFayden would re-sign with the Braves and appeared in 10 games during the rest of the season, which were his last in the majors.

The Phillies took the lead in the fifth when Ron Northey hit a line drive that hit the left field foul line and rolled under the bleachers for a ground rule double. Charley Fuchs scored on the play.³²

Slaters second baseball Lou Belanger was also a member of the Pantex Pressers semi-pro basketball team in Pawtucket, where his teammates included Slater teammates Ted McConnon (Providence College) and Ed Glancy.³³ By 1944, Belanger would enlist in the Coast Guard, and played baseball on service teams including the Alameda Coast Guard Sea Lions.³⁴

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, June 22, 1943

PHILADELPHIA						PAWTUCKET					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
M'taugh, 2	4	0	0	0	3	Glancy, s..	3	1	1	3	6
Northey, rf	4	1	2	2	0	Massa, 3 ..	4	0	1	0	3
Adams, cf	4	0	1	2	0	Belanger, 2.	4	0	2	2	3
Waddell, 1.	3	0	0	7	0	Allen, lf....	4	0	0	2	0
Stewart, 1	1	0	0	4	0	Vahig'n, cf.	4	0	0	2	0
Dahlgren, 3	2	0	0	2	0	B'snahon, c	4	1	2	4	0
May, 3....	1	0	0	0	1	Gatta, rf...	4	0	1	1	0
Busby, lf	4	0	2	2	0	M'Conn'n, 1	3	0	1	1	3
Brewster, s	3	0	1	3	3	M'Fayd'n, p	1	0	0	0	2
Padden, c..	4	1	0	4	0						
Fuchs, p...	2	1	1	0	2						
Eyrich, p .	1	0	0	0	0						

Totals	33	3	7	27	9	Totals.	31	2	8	27	14
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	—3
Pawtucket	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	—2

Error—Dahlgren Runs batted in—Murtaugh, Northey, Adams, Belanger, MacFayden Two-base hits—Busby, Northey, Gatta Sacrifices—MacFayden 2, Glancy. Double plays—Murtaugh to Brewster to Waddell; Glancy to Belanger to McConnon Left on bases—Philadelphia 5, Pawtucket 5. Struck out—By MacFayden 4, by Fuchs 2, by Eyrich 2 Bases on balls—Off MacFayden 2. Hits—Off Fuchs 3 in 5 Innings, off Eyrich 5 in 4. Winning pitcher—Fuchs. Umpires—Soar, McGonigle and Sherwood. Time of game—1h. 27m.

Approximately 350 Motorists Drive to Pawtucket Ball Game

Less Than 40 Cars in Hammond Pond Stadium Parking Area, But Survey of Side Streets Reveals Plenty of Other Autos

The ban on pleasure driving failed last night to prevent some 350 motorists from driving to the Hammond Pond stadium in Pawtucket to witness the game between the Philadelphia Nationals' team and the Pawtucket Slaters.

Although the number of cars parked in the stadium parking area was less than 40, a survey of surrounding streets indicated that well over 350 motorists had elected to risk the chance of OPA censure to drive to the athletic event.

Ordinarily an unusually quiet section, markedly free of parked auto-

mobiles, the stadium vicinity last night boasted a surprising aggregation of automobiles, most of which were parked on side streets. In addition to those who came by bus, trackless trolleys and private automobiles, there was an undetermined number transported to the stadium in taxicabs.

Many of those who chose to drive to the stadium in their own cars, notwithstanding the OPA edict against pleasure motoring, persisted in parking on streets immediately adjacent to the stadium.

Others, however, sought to be more discreet by parking on streets somewhat distant from the stadium, but their presence in large numbers betrayed them, and the purpose of their presence was apparent, particularly to residents of the area.

Kepler street, only two blocks away, proved the most popular parking area, and a spot check at the middle of the game disclosed approximately 50 cars were parked there.

The second most popular Rhode Island avenue across from the main entrance to the stadium parking grounds. Approximately 40 cars were parked on Rhode Island avenue between Pond and Arch streets.

Cars parked on the stadium grounds totalled 37, while the number parked on other adjacent streets was as follows: Meadow street, 29; Lakeview avenue, 20; Young street, 22; Johnson street, 23; Division street, 17; Walcott street, 17; French street, 12; Pond street, 10; Denver street, 16.

Undaunted by the pleasure driving ban an enterprising property owner on South Bend street at Meadow street put a "25 cent" parking sign but it attracted only three motorists.

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July 13, 1943

Aldrich Field, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

St. Louis Cardinals 6

Boston Coast Guard 3

Notes: The Cardinals' Johnny Hopp began the scoring by stealing home in the first inning. Eight of St. Louis's regulars were at the All-Star Game at Shibe Park in Philadelphia being held the same day, including right-fielder Stan Musial and shortstop Marty Marion; pitcher Murry Dickson and utilityman Debs Garms were among the fill-ins in the lineup.

St. Louis took the lead for good with four runs in the seventh, two of which scored when Sam Narron's grounder to third rolled through Lou Kasper's legs.³⁵

Tony Foti, who had posted a 25-15 record over two seasons in the minors, started for the Coast Guard. Massachusetts native Jim Hegan served as his catcher; Hegan had played two seasons with the Cleveland Indians before the war, and would later play an additional 15 seasons in the majors. John Utke and Lou Kasper also spent some time in the organized minor leagues.

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, July 14, 1943

ST. LOUIS						COAST GUARD							
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a		
Hopp,cf	..	5	2	1	4	0	Crahan,2	.	5	0	0	1	6
Garms,s	.	4	1	3	2	2	Utke,1	...	4	3	2	1	0
Sanders,1	.	5	1	2	7	0	Kiley,rf	.	4	0	2	3	0
Litwhil'r,lf	.	2	0	0	0	0	Horman'l,lf	.	4	0	2	1	0
Br cheen,lf	.	3	0	0	2	0	Kasper,3	.	4	0	1	2	1
Demaree,2	.	2	1	0	1	1	Cligget,cf	.	4	0	0	3	0
O'Dea,3	..	4	0	1	2	1	Hegan,c	..	4	0	0	5	1
Narron,c	.	5	1	2	5	0	Rattl,s	...	4	0	0	1	4
Dickson,rf	.	4	0	2	3	1	Foti,p.....	.	4	0	0	0	1
Munger,p	.	4	0	0	1	1							

Totals	38	6	11	27	6	Totals	37	3	7	27	13
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
St. Louis	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	—6
Coast Guard	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	—3

Errors—Garms, Demaree, Munger, Crahan, Kasper
 Runs batted in—Sanders, McKean, Dickson, Kasper, Hormanski 2
 Stolen bases—Hopp, Garms, Demaree, Hormanski
 Double play—Crahan, Patti and Utke
 Struck out—Munger 5, Foti 5. Base on balls—Foti 5. Left on bases—St. Louis 10, Coast Guard 7. Umpires—Pearce, Briggs and Notagiacomo. Time—1h. 45m.

July 15, 1943

Pawtucket Stadium, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Pawtucket Slaters 5

Boston Braves 0

Notes: "Sgt. Steve Fallon of Pawtucket, Providence College and Fort Devens pitched brilliantly" for the Slaters and scored the first run of the game.³⁶ He was opposed by Danny MacFayden, who was now pitching for the Braves. Howard "Big Moose" Wicks hit a two-run homer in the fifth inning for the Slaters.

Boston replaced most of their starters in the fourth inning, with the exception of Tommy Holmes and Chet Ross, who played the entire game.

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, July 16, 1943

BRAVES						SLATERS								
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a			
Holmes,rf	3	0	0	2	0	Nahigian,cf	4	0	2	1	0			
Ryan,3...	2	0	0	0	1	M'C'annon,1	2	0	0	9	0			
Brubaker,3	2	0	1	0	2	Allen,lf...	4	1	1	0	0			
W'kman,cf	2	0	0	0	0	Belanger,2	2	1	1	6	4			
Nleman,cf	1	0	0	1	0	Wicks,rf..	5	1	2	2	0			
Ross,lf ..	4	0	2	0	0	Outta,s .	3	0	0	1	3			
M'Carthy,1	2	0	0	5	0	Mason,3 .	4	0	2	3	1			
Farrell,1..	2	0	0	7	0	Maynard,c	3	0	0	5	0			
Klutz,c	2	0	1	4	0	Fallon,p..	4	2	2	0	2			
Poland,c..	1	0	0	2	0									
Joost,2 .	1	0	1	0	3									
C'cinello,2	2	0	0	1	2									
W'telm'n,s	1	0	0	0	2									
Gerahty,s.	2	0	0	1	0									
M'F'yden,p	1	0	0	0	1									
Martin,p..	1	0	0	1	3									
Odom,p .	1	0	0	0	0									
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Totals	30	0	5	24	13	Totals.	31	5	10	27	10			
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Slaters	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	x-5
Errors—McCarthy, Ross. Runs batted in														
—Allen, Wicks 3, Belanger. Stolen base—														
Belanger. Sacrifice hits—McConnon 3.														
Home run—Wicks. Bases on balls—Mac-														
Fayden 2, Martin 3, Odom 2, Fallon 3														
Struck out—MacFayden 2, Odom 1, Fallon														
4 Hits—Off MacFayden 4 in 3 innings.														
Martin 5 in 3, Odom 1 in 2. Losing pitcher														
—MacFayden. Left on bases—Braves 6,														
Slaters 12 Time—1h 50m. Umpires—Sag-														
adelli, Lefebvre and O'Connon. Attendance														
—6000.														

September 20, 1943

Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island

Philadelphia Phillies 0

Camp Endicott Seabees 0 (7 innings)

Notes: Phillies first baseman-outfielder Jimmy Wasdell started on the mound and pitched five innings. He was relieved by 17-year-old Roger McKee who had made his major-league debut in August. The *Providence Journal* reported that the game was stopped after seven scoreless innings so the Phillies could catch a train, though the team was not scheduled to play again until September 22 (doubleheader at Wrigley Field in Chicago).

Gene Nichols, former minor league pitcher, started for the Seabees and served as an assistant coach.³⁷

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, September 21, 1943

PHILLIES						SEABEES					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Triplett,lf	3	0	0	1	0	Boresh,cf.	3	0	1	0	0
Rowe,rf	3	0	2	0	0	Marlowe,c	3	0	1	3	0
Wasdell,p	3	0	0	0	2	Lands,s...	2	0	0	2	1
McKee,p	0	0	0	0	0	Cowan,2	2	0	0	3	2
Adams,cf	2	0	0	3	0	Cingl'o,rf	3	0	0	2	0
Northv,3	2	0	1	0	3	McCabe,3	2	0	0	3	1
Klein,l...	3	0	1	9	0	Pietrzak,lf	3	0	0	5	1
Stewart,s	3	0	0	0	4	Sims,l...	2	0	0	3	1
Semin'k,c	2	0	0	4	0	Nichols,p	2	0	0	0	2
Hamrick,2	2	0	1	4	0	aHarde.	1	0	0	0	0
Totals 23 0 5 21 9						Totals 23 0 2 21 8					

Hits—Off Wasdell 2 in 5 McKee 0 in 2
 Stolen base—Adams Struck out—By Wasdell 3. McKee 1; Nichols 2 Base on balls—Off Wasdell 4 Nichols 2 Wild pitch—Wasdell Left on bases—Phillies 4, Seabees 6. Umpires—Brady and Casey.

aBatted for Nichols in seventh.

May 8, 1944

Quonset Point, Rhode Island

Boston Red Sox 8

Quonset Flyers 3

Notes: The Flyers began the game with three straight singles by Ed Bart, Art Shaughnessy, and Paul Spennrath (scoring Bart). Joe Wood, who was off to an 0-2 start for the Red Sox in his rookie campaign, relieved Lou Lucier after two innings and finished the game. Wood also drove in Boston's final run with a single. His father, former Red Sox legend Smoky Joe Wood, attended the game.³⁸

Boston's five-run sixth inning started with a single by Bob Johnson followed by two outs. Johnny Peacock then hit a ball to center field that took a bad hop and went through Jim Warner; Johnson scored from first to tie the game at 3-3, and Peacock ended up on third. The Red Sox then tacked on four more runs using three hits, a walk, a stolen base, and an error.

Quonset shortstop Art Priebe had played two seasons in the Wisconsin State League prior to the war, and would return to the organized minor leagues when the conflict was over, following Ray "Fido" Murphy (manager of the Flyers) to play for the Topeka Owls in the Western Association, along with a few of his teammates.³⁹

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, May 9, 1944

RED SOX						QUONSET						
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a	
Metkovich, cf	4	1	1	2	0	Bart lf	4	1	2	1	0	
Lazor rf	3	0	1	0	0	Sh'ghn'sy, 2	3	0	3	2	5	
McBride 1	3	0	1	9	0	Spennrath, 1	2	0	1	7	0	
Johnson lf	4	2	2	3	0	W'd'ls fer c	4	0	0	2	1	
Doerr 2	4	0	1	2	0	Warner, cf	3	0	1	1	0	
Tabor 3	1	0	0	0	0	Siegfried, rf	4	1	1	1	0	
News'mc, 3	3	0	1	0	3	Priebe s	3	0	0	4	5	
Peacock c	2	2	1	5	0	Pullins 3	2	0	1	0	3	
Lake s	3	1	0	0	0	Simonds, p	2	0	0	0	0	
Lucier p	1	1	1	0	0	Pabczak, p	0	0	0	0	0	
Wood p	2	1	2	0	2	xLawson	1	0	0	0	0	
						Mild b'g'r p	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	30	8	11	21	5	Totals	28	3	8	21	13	
Innings						1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Red Sox						0	0	1	1	0	5	1-8
Quonset						1	0	0	2	0	0	0-3

Errors—Warner Pullins, Simonds Hits—
 Off Lucier 3 in 2 Innings off Wood 5 in 5;
 off Simonds 8 in 4², off Pabczak 2 in 1¹,
 off Mildenberger 1 in 1 Stolen bases—Lazor,
 McBride, Lake Warner Two-base hits—
 Metkovich Siegfried Sacrifice hit—Priebe,
 Double plays—Pullins to Shaughnessy to
 Spennrath Shaughnessy to Priebe to Spennrath
 Spennrath to Priebe to Spennrath
 Struck out—By Lucier 3, by Wood 1 by
 Simonds 2 Base on balls—Off Lucier 2; off
 Wood 3 off Simonds 3, off Mildenberger 1,
 off Pabczak 1 Wild pitches—Simonds,
 Mildenberger 1¹ by pitched ball—By
 Mildenberger (Peacock) Left on bases—
 Red Sox 7 Quonset 10. Umpires—Rue,
 Summers and Boyer

xBatted for Pabczak in 6th.

May 9, 1944

Game 1

Camp Thomas, Davisville, Rhode Island

Cleveland Indians 7

Camp Thomas Seabees 0 (7 innings)

Notes: Indians Manager Lou Boudreau had three singles, including one in the fifth inning, when Cleveland strung together four hits and a walk and plated four runs.⁴⁰ (Boudreau failed to score because he was on third base when Jeff Heath hit into a force play at the plate.)

Pitcher Mike Naymick's career with the Indians would be over by the end of the month. He defeated the Bainbridge (Maryland) Naval Training Center team on May 23 and pitched against the Philadelphia A's on May 28 and 29.⁴¹ In the latter game, Naymick gave up five runs in four innings; he was waived two days later and acquired by the St. Louis Cardinals.⁴² He would pitch two innings for the St. Louis Cardinals on July 6 in his final major league outing before spending the rest of the season in the minors.⁴³

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, May 10, 1944

CLEVELAND						CAMP THOMAS					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Boudr'au,s	4	0	3	3	0	Witlow,2	0	0	0	2	1
O'Dea,l	4	1	1	5	0	Thornton,2	2	0	0	2	0
Cull'b'e rf	2	1	1	1	0	yHooper	1	0	0	0	0
Kleine,rf	2	1	1	1	0	McW'll's,s	3	0	0	1	4
Heath lf	2	0	1	2	0	Mihok,3	3	0	0	0	0
Hockett,lf	2	2	1	0	0	Ivle,rf	3	0	1	0	0
Seerey,cf	2	1	1	0	0	Klepper,lf	3	0	0	2	0
Grant,3	4	0	1	1	1	Kagers,cf	1	0	0	0	0
Peters,2	4	1	0	1	0	Witt,c	2	0	0	2	0
McD nell,c	4	0	1	7	0	Th'b'd'au,c	1	0	0	1	0
Naymick,p	4	0	1	0	1	Haese,l	3	0	2	1	0
						Fitzg'ld,p	1	0	0	0	5
						xKline	0	0	0	0	0
						Blydell,p	0	0	0	0	0
						Newlin,p	1	0	0	0	2

Totals	34	7	12	21	2	Totals	24	0	3	21	12			
Innings							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Cleveland							0	1	1	0	4	0	1	—7
Errors—McWilliams, Mihok 2. Hits—Off Fitzgerald 10 in 5, off Blydell 1 in 1; off Newlin 1 in 1. Stolen base — Ivle. Two-base hits—Cullenbine, Haese. Three-base hit—Seerey. Sacrifice hit—Seerey. Struck out—By Naymick 7; by Blydell 1. Bases on balls—Off Naymick 3, off Fitzgerald 1. Left on bases—Cleveland 8; Thomas 7. Umpires—Pietranti and Rose.														

xBatted for Fitzgerald in fifth.
yBatted for Thornton in seventh.

May 9, 1944

Game 2

Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island

Cleveland Indians 5

Camp Endicott Seabees 5 (8 innings)

Notes: The Seabees pulled off a triple steal as part of their five-run second inning. Cleveland's Roy Cullenbine hit a three-run homer to right in the fifth inning to tie the game at 5-5.⁴⁴ The game was scheduled for seven innings but an eighth inning was played in hopes of resolving the tie. Hugh East, who had pitched 19 games in the majors with the New York Giants from 1941 through 1943, started for the Seabees.

The Indians' Ken Keltner had been inducted into the Navy on May 8 but would remain with the team through the end of the 1944 season.

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, May 10, 1944

CLEVELAND						CAMP ENDICOTT							
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a		
Hockett,rf	3	1	1	2	0	Jackson,s.	4	0	1	2	4		
O'Dea,l	3	0	0	9	1	Cowan,3	4	0	1	0	2		
Cullenbine,3	4	1	1	0	2	Gentile,cf.	3	0	1	2	0		
Heath,lf	4	0	0	0	0	King,lf	3	1	2	4	0		
Seerey,cf	4	1	1	0	0	Borisoff,rf	3	1	0	2	0		
Boudreau,s	3	1	1	3	4	Dickey,l	3	1	0	7	0		
Peters,2	3	0	0	1	3	Nichols,2	2	0	0	0	1		
Lyon,c	3	0	1	9	0	xLands	1	0	0	0	0		
Embree,p.	3	1	1	0	2	Marlow,c.	2	1	1	7	0		
						East,p	2	1	0	0	1		
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Totals	30	5	6	24	13	Totals	27	5	6	24	8		
Innings					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Cleveland					0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0-5
Endicott					0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0-5

Errors—None. Runs batted in—Lyon 2, Cullenbine 3 Marlow, Jackson, Cowan 2. Two-base hits—Boudreau, King. Home run—Cullenbine Stolen bases—Borisoff, Dickey. Marlow Double play—Boudreau and O'Dea. Struck out—By Embree 8, by East 5. Bases on balls—Off Embree 7, off East 2 Wild pitch—Embree Left on bases—Cleveland 3, Endicott 5. Umpires—Fuchs, Pietrani and Rose

x-Batted for Nichols in 8th.

June 16, 1944

Game 1

Camp Thomas, Davisville, Rhode Island

New York Giants 7

Camp Thomas Seabees 3 (7 innings)

Notes: Former St. Louis Browns pitcher Maury "Newt" Newlin relieved Bill Fitzgerald after the Camp Thomas starter gave up seven runs in three innings. For Camp Thomas, Jesse McWilliams tripled home Clipper Klepper in the first inning, then scored on an error by Buddy Kerr.⁴⁵

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, June 17, 1944

GIANTS						THOMAS					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Rucker, cf	3	0	0	0	0	Mihok, s	3	0	0	1	0
Meade, cf	1	0	0	0	0	Klepper, lf	3	1	2	4	0
H'seman, 2	3	1	0	1	2	McWilliams, 3	3	1	1	3	2
Luby, 2	1	0	0	1	0	Pastell, rf	3	0	1	1	0
Ott, rf	2	1	0	1	0	Miller, c	3	0	0	6	0
Medwick, lf	1	0	0	0	0	Dorney, 2	3	0	0	1	1
Gardella, 1	2	2	1	1	0	Witt, 1	3	0	1	3	0
Sloan, 1	3	2	1	5	0	Kageos, cf	2	1	1	2	0
Wein, 1	1	0	0	2	0	Ivic	1	0	0	0	0
Reyes, 3	3	1	1	0	2	Fitzgerald, p	1	0	0	0	1
Lombardi, c	4	0	2	6	2	Newlin, p	2	0	1	0	0
Kerr, s	4	0	0	3	1						
Allen, p	4	0	1	0	3						
Totals 32 7 6 21 10						Totals 27 3 7 21 4					
Innings						1 2 3 4 5 6 7					
Giants						0 2 5 0 0 0 0—7					
Thomas						2 0 0 0 1 0 0—3					
Errors--Kerr 2 Mihok 4 McWilliams.											
Runs batted in--Gardella, Sloan, Reyes 2											
Allen 2, McWilliams. Stolen base--Allen.											
Two base hit--Allen. Three base hit--Mc-											
Williams. Struck out--By Allen 6 Fitzger-											
ald 2, Newlin 4 Bases on balls--Off Fitz-											
gerald 3 Newlin 1 Hits off Fitzgerald 4 in											
3 innings, Newlin 2 in 4 Wild pitches--Allen,											
Fitzgerald Losing pitcher Fitzgerald Left											
on bases Giants 8, Thomas 3. Umpires											
Murphy, Pietrantoni and Rose											

June 16, 1944

Game 2

Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island

New York Giants 4

Camp Endicott Seabees 1 (7 innings)

Notes: Giants infielder Billy Jorges pitched for the Giants and one-hit the Camp Endicott team. New York pulled ahead in the sixth inning as Mel Ott, Joe Medwick, and Nap Reyes all reached on singles and subsequently scored. Former Giant Hugh East pitched for Camp Endicott.⁴⁶

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, June 17, 1944

GIANTS						ENDICOTT					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Cardella, cf	4	0	0	2	0	Jackson, s	3	1	1	2	3
Huseman, 2	4	0	1	1	4	Cowan, J	3	0	0	0	2
Ott, rf	4	1	1	0	0	King, cf	3	0	1	0	0
Medwick, lf	3	1	2	0	0	Gentile, lf	3	0	1	1	0
Weintraub, 1	3	0	0	12	0	Borisoff, 1	3	0	0	9	0
Reyes, 3	3	1	1	3	3	Reeves, rf	2	0	0	2	0
Berres, c	3	1	2	2	0	Cirigliano, 2	3	0	0	2	2
Kerr, s	3	0	0	1	5	George, c	3	0	0	5	0
Jorges, p	3	0	2	0	2	East, p	2	0	1	0	1

Totals	30	4	9	21	14	Totals	25	1	4	21	8	
Score by Innings						1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Giants						0	0	0	0	1	3	0-4
Endicott						1	0	0	0	0	0	0-1

Errors—King, Gentile, Cirigliano. Run batted in—Reyes 2, Jorges, Kerr. Stolen bases—Medwick, Kerr. Two-base hits—Jackson, East. Double plays—Jorges, Kerr and Weintraub, Jackson, Cirigliano and Borisoff, Jackson and Borisoff. Left on bases—Giants 5, Endicott 4. Struck out—By Jorges 2, East 4. Bases on balls—Off Jorges 1. Umpires—Fuchs, Petranti and Frost.

June 19, 1944

Pawtucket Stadium, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Philadelphia Phillies 5

Pawtucket Slaters 1

Notes: Philadelphia starter Andy Karl, who had spent six years in the Boston Red Sox minor-league organization and appeared in 11 games for the Red Sox in 1943, was in his first full season with the Phillies. A year later, he would lead the National League in games and saves and earned a few MVP votes. Deacon MacFayden started for the Slaters and retired the first 8 Phillies batters before surrendering 3 runs in the fourth.⁴⁷

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, June 20, 1944

PHILLIES						SLATERS					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
H'm'rick s	4	0	0	2	1	Deveau lf	4	0	0	1	0
Stewart 3	0	0	0	0	0	McConnon, l	4	0	1	9	1
Adams cf	4	1	1	3	0	N'higian, cf	4	1	2	4	1
Lupien 1b	4	1	1	14	1	Allen lf	4	0	2	2	0
Waddell lf	2	1	1	1	0	Belanger 2	4	0	1	4	3
Culp c	2	1	1	2	2	Haines 3b	2	0	0	1	2
Northey r	4	1	2	0	0	Gatta 3b	2	0	0	0	0
Leichas rf	0	0	0	1	0	Meyers ss	3	0	0	0	2
Cieslak 3r	4	0	2	1	1	Maynard c	4	0	1	5	1
Mullin 2.s	4	0	2	3	5	MacFayden, p	3	0	1	1	0
Semick c.l	4	0	0	1	0						
Karl, p	4	0	0	1	3						

Totals	36	5	10	27	15	Totals	34	1	8	27	10				
Innings							1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Phillies							0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0—5
Slaters							0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0—1

Errors—Cieslak, Haines. Runs batted in—Lupien, Waddell, Northey, Mullin, Belanger. Stolen bases—Lupien, Culp, Northey. Two-base hits—Mullin, Adams, McConnon, Allen. Double play—Kamerick, Cieslak and Mullin. Struck out—By Karl 2 by MacFayden 4. Bases on balls—Off Karl 1. Left on bases—Phillies 4, Slaters 7. Time—In 48m. Umpires—Meade and Sherwood.

June 27, 1944

Game 1

Camp Thomas, Davisville, Rhode Island

Boston Red Sox 3

Camp Thomas Seabees 1 (7 innings)

Notes: Minor-leaguers Johnny Dineen (17 years old) and Joe Murphy (16) started for the Red Sox. Leon Culberson led off the game with a double and was driven in by Johnny Lazor's single. Lazor's error in the second led to the Seabees only run, but he would cap the scoring for Boston in the sixth with another RBI single.⁴⁸

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, June 28, 1944

RED SOX					CAMP THOMAS						
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Culberson cf	3	1	1	2	0	Thornton 3	3	0	1	1	0
McBride lf	3	2	2	3	0	Klepper lf	3	0	0	0	0
Lazor rf	3	0	2	1	0	M'Williams, s	3	0	1	0	1
Tabor 3	3	0	0	1	0	Pastell rf	3	1	1	1	0
Finney 1	3	0	1	7	0	Newlin, 1	3	0	0	6	2
Bucher s	3	0	0	0	2	Matt, c	2	0	0	5	0
Lake 2	3	0	0	3	0	Witt c	1	0	0	3	0
Murphy c	2	0	0	4	0	Dorney, 2	2	0	1	1	1
Dineen, p	2	0	0	0	3	Kageos, cf	1	0	0	2	0
						zivic	1	0	0	0	0
						Blydell, p	2	0	0	2	1

Totals	25	3	6	21	5	Totals	24	1	4	21	5		
Innings							1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Red Sox							1	0	0	1	0	1	0
Camp Thomas							0	1	0	0	0	0	0

Errors—Lazor McBWilliams. Runs batted in—Lazor 2 Finney Dorney Stolen bases—McBride Thornton 2 Sacrifice—Kageos. Two-base hits—Culberson Dorney Double plays—Newlin and Blydell Blydell Dorney and Newlin Bases on balls—Dineen 2 Struck out—Dineen 2 Blydell 7 Left on bases—Red Sox 1 Thomas 5 Umpires—Grieve Weafer Petrami and Rose

June 27, 1944

Game 2

Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island

Boston Red Sox 5

Camp Endicott Seabees 2 (7 innings)

Notes: Johnny Lazor's eventful day continued as he caught for Boston and drove in another run.⁴⁹ On May 1, Lazor had made his first (and last) major-league appearance at catcher for the Red Sox; he had not played the position professionally since his first season in the minors in 1938.⁵⁰ Boston chased Endicott starter Gene Nichols in the fifth with three runs on two walks, a wild pitch, passed ball, and a pair of singles by Jim Bucher and George Metkovich.

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, June 28, 1944

RED SOX						ENDICOTT					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Culberson rf	3	1	0	1	0	Jackson s	4	0	0	1	1
Bucher s	4	1	1	1	2	Towan 3	4	0	0	1	2
Metkovich cf	3	1	2	0	0	King, cf	4	0	0	1	0
Finney 1	4	0	1	1	0	Barisoff 1	2	1	1	5	1
Tabor 3	3	1	2	0	3	Centile lf	3	0	0	2	0
McBride lf	3	0	1	3	0	Reeves rf	3	1	2	2	0
Lazor c	3	0	1	5	0	Oceak 2	2	0	1	1	1
Lake 2	3	0	0	0	2	Marlow c	2	0	1	7	1
● Neil p	2	1	0	0	3	Nichols p	1	0	0	1	1
						East p	1	0	0	1	1

Totals	28	5	8	21	10	Totals	26	2	5	21	7		
Innings							1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Red Sox							0	1	0	1	3	0	0—5
Endicott							0	2	0	0	0	0	0—2

Error-- Culberson Runs batted in-- Bucher Metkovich 2 Tabor Lazor Reeves, Oceak Stolen base-- McBride Sacrifice-- Oceak Two-base hit Metkovich Three-base hit Reeve Barisoff Bases on balls-- Neil 3 Nichols 2, East 1 Struck out-- Neil 4 Nichols 1 East 4 Hits-- Off Nichols 7 in 4 1-3 innings off East 1 in 2 1-3 Losing pitcher Nichols Left on bases-- Red Sox 5 Endicott 7 Umpires-- Grieve, Yeager, Fuchs Patrant

June 27, 1944

Quonset Point, Rhode Island

Chicago White Sox 10

Quonset Flyers 2

Notes: Chicago's Grey Clarke hit two triples to left field and a double to center. Lefty Mildenberger gave up seven runs on 10 hits in three innings. Jim Warner of the Flyers hit a home run by driving the ball to "the 'new area,' referred to also as the 'sand dunes' and centre field, and circled the bases as [Eddie] Carnett and [Thurman] Tucker were 'flipping a coin' to see which of them would 'wade' in for the ball."⁵¹ Warner also threw out Clarke at the plate in the second inning following a single by Vince Castino.

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, June 28, 1944

CHICAGO WHITE SOX						QUONSET FLYERS					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
						Bart,lf	3	0	0	2	0
Carnett, rf	6	1	2	2	0	Hegwood,lf	1	0	0	1	0
Schalk,2	5	1	2	3	1	Pullins,2	3	0	0	1	2
Tucker,cf	2	0	0	1	0	Fraser,2	1	0	1	0	1
Hoag,cf	3	2	2	0	0	Spennath,1	4	0	0	10	0
Trosky,1	5	1	2	4	0	Shaugh'v,3	2	0	1	1	3
Hodgin,lf	2	1	1	0	0	Lastres,3	2	0	0	2	0
Curtr'l,lf	3	0	0	2	0	Warner,cf	4	2	3	3	2
Clarke,3	4	1	3	1	0	Priebe,ss	4	0	1	2	4
Castino,c	5	1	1	14	0	Robczak,rf	1	0	0	0	0
Webb,ss	2	1	1	0	0	Lawson,rf	1	0	0	0	0
Cuccin'o,ss	1	0	0	0	2	Patleyak,c	2	0	0	2	0
Wade,p	5	1	1	0	1	Salkowicz,c	1	0	1	0	0
						Milden'g,p	1	0	0	0	1
						Patrick,p	2	0	0	0	0
Totals 43 10 15 27 4						Totals 34 2 7 27 13					
White Sox						1 3 3 1 0 0 0 2 0 -10					
Quonset						0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 -- 2					
Errors- Pullins 3						Spennath, Warner, Robczak, Mildenberger hits off--Mildenberger 10 in 3 innings; off Patrick 5 in 6 innings. Stolen base--Warner. Two-base hits Hodgin, Clark, Hoag Three-base hits -- Clark 2, Trosky, Shaughnessy Home run-- Warner Double plays--Shaughnessy, Pullins and Spennath Struck out--By Patrick 1 Wade 13 Base on balls--Off Wade 2, Patrick 3 Wild pitch--Patrick, Passed ball Patleyak Left on bases--Chicago 9. Quonset 7 Time of game--2h. Umpires--Murphy and Rose.					

July 12, 1944

Game 1

Camp Thomas, Davisville, Rhode Island

Boston Braves 7

Camp Thomas Seabees 1 (7 innings)

Notes: Newt Newlin surrendered seven runs and was lifted with two out in the fourth inning. Butch Nieman drove in four runs for the Braves; his single in the first inning scored Warren Huston and Tommy Holmes, then he produced Boston's final two runs with a double that chased Newlin from the mound.⁵²

On the same day, a work stoppage at Davisville that had begun on July 11 with a few hundred employees had now expanded to 1300 men, including "plumbers, steamfitters, maintenance engineers, painters and electricians" who were protesting a decision by the War Labor Board to reduce the pay of 200 to 300 "unskilled" civilian workers to \$0.93 an hour, compared with the union wages paid to the rest of the 3000 or so Davisville employees (\$1.25 to \$1.35 an hour for painters and carpenters, for example).⁵³ Their positions were filled temporarily by Seabees stationed on the base.

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, July 13, 1944

BRAVES						CAMP THOMAS							
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a		
Huston, 2	5	2	0	4	3	Thornton, 3	3	0	2	3	1		
Macon, 1	4	1	3	7	0	Klepper, lf	3	0	0	6	0		
Holmes, cf	3	1	0	2	0	McWilliams, s	3	0	0	1	2		
Sindloch, cf	1	0	0	0	1	Pastell, rf	3	0	0	0	0		
Wright, lf	2	1	0	1	0	Matt, c	2	0	0	2	0		
Etchison, 3	1	0	0	0	0	Finney, c	1	1	1	3	0		
Nieman, rf	3	0	2	0	0	Kogeos, cf	3	0	0	0	0		
Kluttz, rf	1	0	0	1	0	Whitlow, 2	2	0	1	0	3		
W'k'n, 3, lf	4	0	1	1	0	Blydell, 1	3	0	2	5	1		
Hofferth, c	3	0	2	4	1	Newlin, p	1	0	0	1	1		
Maus, c	1	0	0	0	0	Threfal, p	2	0	0	0	0		
Phillips, s	3	0	1	1	2								
Barrett, p	3	2	2	0	0								
Hickey, p	1	0	1	0	0								
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Totals	35	7	12	21	7	Totals	26	1	6	21	8		
Innings							1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Braves							2	2	0	3	0	0	0
Thomas							0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Errors—MacWilliams 2						Whitlow Hits—							
Off Barrett 3 in 5, off Hickey 3 in 2; off						Newlin 9 in 3 ² , off Threfal 3 in 3 ¹ , Stolen							
base—Wright						Two-base hits—Barrett,							
Nieman						Three-base hits—Macon 2							
Double play—McWilliams, Whitlow and Blydell						Struck out—By Barrett 4 by Newlin 1, by							
Threfal 2. Base on balls—Off Hickey 1,						Threfal 1. Hit by pitched ball—By Newlin							
(Wright) Left on bases—Braves 8, Thomas						3							
Umpires—Fuchs and Rose													

July 12, 1944

Game 2

Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island

Boston Braves 1

Camp Endicott Seabees 0 (7 innings)

Notes: Armand (Ben) Cardoni and Gene Nichols dueled for seven innings. In the fourth, Butch Nieman hit a wind-blown fly ball that fell in front of Bill Barisoff in short center field. Nieman ended up at second, then Chuck Workman doubled down the right field line to produce Boston's only run. Former Brave — and future Pawtucket Slater — Sam Gentile was thrown out at home in the home half of the inning when he attempted to score on a busted squeeze play following a leadoff triple (Bill Barisoff, a long-time minor leaguer, swung and missed the pitch).⁵⁴

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, July 13, 1944

BRAVES						CAMP ENDICOTT						
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a	
Huston, 2.	4	0	0	0	2	Jackson, s	3	0	0	2	2	
Macon 1	4	0	1	1	0	Cowan, 3	3	0	0	2	3	
Holmes, cf	2	0	1	0	0	Gentile, lf	3	0	1	0	0	
Wright, lf	3	0	0	3	0	Barisoff, cf	3	0	1	3	0	
Nieman, rf	3	1	1	0	0	Reeves, rf	2	0	1	2	0	
Workman, 3	3	0	3	1	0	Dickey, 1	2	0	0	8	1	
Masi, c	2	0	0	4	0	aKing	1	0	0	0	0	
Phillips, s	3	0	0	2	6	Cirigliano, 2	2	0	0	1	2	
Cardoni, p	3	0	0	0	4	Regan, c	2	0	0	2	0	
						Nichols, p	2	0	0	1	0	
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Totals	27	1	6	21	12	Totals	23	0	3	21	8	
Innings						1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Braves						0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Errors—Huston, Macon						Stolen bases—						
Macon Holmes, Workman						Two-base hits—						
—Nieman Workman 2						Three-base hit—						
Gentile Sacrifice—Reeves						Double play—						
Huston to Phillips to Macon						Strikeouts—						
By Cardoni 3 Nichols 2						Bases on balls—						
Off Nichols ?						Left on bases—Braves 7,						
Endicott 3						Umpires—Fuchs, Petroni and Frost.						

aBatted for Dickey in 7th.

July 13, 1944

Pawtucket Stadium, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Boston Braves 11
Pawtucket Slaters 0

Notes: Stew Hofferth hit a two-run homer to center field in the fourth. Tommy Holmes went 4-for-4, all singles. Jack Lee was thrown out at the plate in the seventh when he attempted to stretch a triple into an inside-the-park home run. Dee Phillips handled the relay from Tommy Holmes and threw home to Hofferth for the out.⁵⁵

Deacon MacFayden was chased in the fifth inning and replaced with Joe Krakowski, a native of Valley Falls, Rhode Island. Krakowski had played both baseball and football in high school, pitched for the Zanesville (Ohio) Grays in 1937 as a 20-year old, then spent a year playing baseball in the Independent Canadian League.⁵⁶ He then returned to Rhode Island, coaching various high school football and baseball teams while playing semi-pro ball around the state.⁵⁷ By 1943 Karkowski was a member of the Slaters, and he would remain in organized minor league baseball through 1949.⁵⁸

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, July 14, 1944

BRAVES						SLATERS					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Capri 2	5	0	2	3	4	Nahigian, cf	4	0	2	1	1
Workman 3	5	2	2	2	0	Gatta, 3	3	0	0	1	2
Holmes, cf	4	2	4	2	0	Hill, 1	4	0	0	1	2
Rosa, rf	1	0	0	2	0	Allen, lf	4	0	0	1	0
Wright lf	5	1	2	3	0	Lee, rf	4	0	1	1	0
N'm'n rf, cf	4	2	1	1	1	Meyers, 2	4	0	1	1	3
Etchison, 1	3	2	0	10	0	Dunbar, c	2	0	1	4	1
Hofferth, c	3	2	1	1	1	Noonan, c	0	0	0	1	0
Phillips, s	3	0	2	1	2	Sawyer, s	3	0	1	5	4
Huston, s	2	0	0	2	2	MacFayden, p	0	0	0	1	0
Hut'son, p	3	0	0	0	2	Krak'ski, p	2	0	0	0	1
Klopp, p	1	0	0	0	0						
Totals 39 11 14 27 12						Totals 30 0 6 27 14					
Innings . . . 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9											
Braves 2 0 0 2 4 0 0 0 3—11											
Errors—Capri, MacFayden. Runs batted in—Capri 2, Wright 2, Etchison Hofferth 2, Phillips 2, Huston Sacrifices—MacFayden, Hutchinson Two-base hits—Phillips, Nahigian Three-base hit—Lee Home run—Hofferth Double plays—Hill and Sawyer, Capri and Etchison Strikeouts—Hutchinson 1 MacFayden 4, Krakowski 1 Bases on balls—Hutchinson 1 Klopp 1 MacFayden 2 Krakowski 4 Hits—Off MacFayden 11 in 4 ² / ₃ , off Krakowski 3 in 4 ¹ / ₃ Hutchinson 6 in 7 Klopp 0 in 2 Hit by pitched ball—By Krakowski (Workman) Left on bases—Braves 9 Slaters 6 Winning pitcher—Hutchinson Losing pitcher—MacFayden Umpires—Murphy, Sherwood and Meade.											

July 18, 1944

Quonset Point, Rhode Island

Boston Braves 6

Quonset Flyers 0

Notes: First game on a newly constructed baseball field at Quonset Point. Captain Ben Wyatt, commanding officer of Quonset Naval Air Station, spoke on the field before the game. Quonset made six errors, including three during the Braves five-run outburst in the seventh.⁵⁹

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, July 19, 1944

BRAVES						QUONSET					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Capri, 2b	3	0	1	2	3	Pullins, ss	4	0	2	0	2
Ban'och, 3b	2	1	1	0	0	Bart, cf	2	0	0	2	1
Etch'on, 1b	5	1	1	13	1	Spe'rath, 1b	4	0	0	11	0
Holmes, cf	4	0	3	1	0	Wen'fer, r	4	0	1	1	0
Masi, cf	1	1	1	0	0	Slat'witz, c	3	0	1	8	2
Nieinan, lf	2	0	0	0	0	Shaug'y, 2b	4	0	3	4	1
Ross, lf	2	1	1	2	0	Patylak, lf	4	0	0	1	0
Wo'man, rf	3	1	0	0	1	Frazer, 3b	4	0	0	0	4
Phillips, ss	5	1	2	1	4	Appleton p	2	0	0	0	2
H'ston, 2 3b	5	0	0	2	5	Sanders, p	0	0	0	0	0
Maus, c	2	0	0	4	0	Lawson	0	0	0	0	0
Hofferth, c	3	0	0	2	1	Patrick, p	0	0	0	0	0
Hickey, p	4	0	0	0	0						
Dodge, p	1	0	0	0	0						
Totals	42	6	10	27	15	Totals	31	0	7	27	12
Innings						1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9					
Boston						0 0 0 0 0 0 5 1 0—6					

Errors—Pullins, Bart, Slatkowitz, Shaughnessy, Patlyak, Frazer. Two base hits—Sandloch, Ross. Three base hit—Holmes. Sacrifice—Bart. Stolen bases—Phillips, Huston, Pullins. Double play—Phillips, Huston and Erickson. Strikeouts—Hickey 4, Appleton 7, Bases on balls—Dodge 3, Appleton 2, Sanders 1. Wild pitch—Sanders. Hits—Off Hickey 6 in 7, Dodge 1 in 2, Appleton 8 in 7, Sanders 2 in 1, Patrick 0 in 1. Winning pitcher—Hickey. Losing pitcher—Appleton. Left on bases—Boston 12, Quonset 8. Umpires—Murphy and Rose.

August 31, 1944

Game 1

Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island

Philadelphia Athletics 7

Camp Endicott Seabees 0 (7 innings)

Notes: Reliever Carl Scheib, who had made his major league debut for Philadelphia as a 16-year-old in 1943, started for the A's.⁶⁰ Backup catcher Bill Mills, a Boston-native and alumni of Holy Cross in Worcester, MA, finished the game in left field. Mills had last played in a major league game on June 3, and would never play another. But he later played for the Providence Chiefs in the New England League, and spent over two decades as a baseball and football coach, and math teacher, at Goff Junior High School in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.⁶¹

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, September 1, 1944

ATHLETICS						CAMP ENDICOTT					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Hall, 2	3	0	0	1	0	Oceak, 2	2	0	0	1	0
Mills, lf	1	0	1	0	0	Cowan, 3	3	0	1	2	2
Epps, cf	3	1	0	0	0	Gentile, lf	3	0	0	2	0
Ros'thal, rf	3	1	2	2	0	Barisoff, cf	3	0	0	3	0
Garbark, c	4	1	2	5	0	Reeves, rf	2	0	0	1	0
Metro, lf	2	4	2	1	2	Jackson, s	3	0	1	0	1
McGhee, 1	4	1	4	8	0	Dickey, 1	3	0	1	8	0
Burns, 3	4	0	1	0	2	George, c	3	0	0	4	1
Busch, s	4	1	1	3	1	Nichols, p	2	0	0	0	0
Sheib, p	4	0	1	0	2						
Totals	34	7	13	21	5	Totals	24	0	3	21	4
Innings	.....					Innings	1 2 3 4 5 6 7				
Athletics	.....					Athletics	0 0 0 2 3 1 1-7				
Errors—Garbark, Cowan, Jackson, Runs batted in—Mills, Metro 2, McGhee 2, Sheib. Two-base hits—Metro, Mills, Garbark. Stolen bases—McGhee. Strikeouts—Sheib 5, Nichols 2. Bases on balls—Sheib 2, Nichols 2. Wild pitch—Sheib. Left on bases—Athletics 8, Endicott 5. Umpires—Fuchs, Pietranti and Frost.											

August 31, 1944

Game 2

Quonset Point, Rhode Island

Quonset Flyers 3

Philadelphia Athletics 2 (8 innings)

Notes: The Flyers' Ed Bart forced extra innings by doubling home the tying run ("Bradley") in the seventh, then Dick Dianovsky hit a shot into the left-center field gap in the eighth to drive in Felix Wendelschaefer with the winning run.⁶² Wendelschaefer was the son of the former Deputy Chief of the Providence Fire Department (Felix senior), who was now serving as the Fire Chief at the Davisville Advance Base Depot.⁶³

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, September 1, 1944

QUONSET						ATHLETICS					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Pullins, 2.	4	0	1	3	5	Hall, 2	3	0	1	3	5
Bart, cf	4	0	3	3	0	Epps, cf	4	0	1	0	0
Sp'nnr'th, 1	4	0	1	1	0	Raenthal, rf	4	0	0	2	1
W'd'ls'f'r, lf	3	1	1	2	0	Garbark, c.	4	0	0	2	2
Sl'tk'wltz, c	2	0	1	2	1	Metro, lf	2	0	0	1	0
D'n'vsky, rf	4	0	1	1	0	McOhee, 1.	2	1	1	7	0
Sh'gh'sy, 3	2	0	0	0	2	Burns, 3...	2	1	1	3	1
Priebe, s	3	0	0	2	2	Busch, s...	3	0	0	2	4
Patrick, p.	2	1	1	0	1	Rogers, p..	3	0	0	1	2
allradley	1	1	0	0	0						
Hegwood, p	0	0	0	0	1						

Totals	29	3	9	24	12	Totals	27	2	4	x21	15
Innings	..... 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8										
Quonset	..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 1—3										
Athletics	..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 1 0—2										

Errors—Pullins, Spennrath, Burns, Busch.
 Runs driven in—Bart 2, Dianovsky, Hall, Busch. Sacrifices—Slatkowitz, Burns. Stolen base—Burns. Two base hits—Bart, Dianovsky, Burns, McOhee. Three base hit—Hall
 Double plays—Priebe, Pullins and Spennrath; Shaughnessy, Pullins and Spennrath; Rogers, Burns and McOhee Bases on balls—Patrick 1, Rogers 3. Strike outs—Patrick 1, Rogers 1. Hits—Off Patrick 4 in 7, Hegwood 0 in 1. Winning pitcher—Hegwood. Left on bases—Quonset 9, Athletics 6. Umpires—Holloran and Burke.
 aBatted for Patrick in seventh
 xNone out when winning run scored.

September 5, 1944

Pawtucket Stadium, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Brooklyn Dodgers 5

Pawtucket Slaters 4 (13 innings)

Notes: Tom Warren outdueled Jim Reynolds for the victory; both pitchers went the distance. Bud Hulton's two-run home run to center field in the first inning gave the Slaters an early lead. Warren worked out of several jams, as Pawtucket had two on with none out in both the eighth and ninth innings, then loaded the bases with none out in the tenth. Slaters' manager Donat Maynard grounded out to Warren to end their threat in the tenth. Jack Bolling singled in Goody Rosen for the go-ahead run in the top of the thirteenth.⁶⁴

Box Score Source: Providence Journal, September 6, 1944 (Ad from Sept 5)



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DODGERS						SLATERS					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
B'g'r'y,3,rf	6	1	2	3	0	N'higian,cf	4	2	1	2	1
Owen,c..	2	1	1	6	0	Myers,s..	6	0	0	5	5
Bragan,..	3	0	1	8	0	Corr,1..	5	0	1	15	1
Clalan,lf.	3	0	2	0	0	Allen,lf..	0	1	4	0	0
Rosen,lf.	3	1	2	1	0	Hulton,rf.	5	1	2	2	0
Walker,rf	3	1	1	0	1	Pearson,2	6	0	0	6	8
Rochell,3	2	1	0	1	2	Gatta,3.	2	0	0	1	2
Olmo,cf.	6	0	1	2	0	aDonahue	0	0	0	0	0
Schultz,1	2	0	0	5	0	bKr'kowski	0	0	0	0	0
Bolling,1.	4	0	1	9	0	Jackson,3.	2	0	0	0	1
Stanky,2.	6	0	3	2	3	Maynard,c	5	0	0	8	0
Brown,s	6	0	0	2	5	cForys.	1	0	1	0	0
Warren,p	5	0	1	0	5	dBarrett.	0	0	0	0	0
						Reynolds,p	4	0	0	0	2
						ePalmer.	1	0	0	0	0

Totals	51	5	15	39	16	Totals	47	4	9	39	20		
Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Dodgers	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1—5
Slaters	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0—4

Errors: Bragan 2, Olmo, Brown, Warren, Nahigian, Gatta. Runs batted in: Owen, Olmo, Bolling 3, Allen, Hulton 2. Sacrifices: Nahigian, Rochell. Stolen bases: Nahigian. Two-base hits: Walker. Three-base hits: Bordagaray Allen. Home run: Hulton. Double plays: Rochell, Stanky and Bolling; Pearson and Corr 2, Pearson, Myers and Corr, Myers, Pearson and Corr. Bases on balls: Warren 6, Reynolds 1. Strikeouts: Warren 11, Reynolds 5. Left on bases: Dodgers 9, Slaters 11. Umpires: Routhouska, Sherwood and O'Connor.

aBatted for Gatta in 9th.
bRan for Donahue in ninth.
cBatted for Maynard in 13th.
dRan for Forys in 13th.
eBatted for Reynolds in 13th.

April 23, 1945

Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island

Philadelphia Athletics 23

Camp Endicott Seabees 6 (7 innings)

Notes: Two weeks before V-E Day, the Athletics pounded Camp Endicott's Seabees, scoring 12 runs in the sixth inning to blow open the game. Charlie Metro homered for Philadelphia to lead off the second inning and scored four of the A's runs overall. Philadelphia scored 3 in the fifth on two hits, two walks, three errors and a wild pitch. Three more errors by the Seabees in the sixth compounded the damage done by seven more hits by the A's. Camp Endicott's commanding officer, Captain Fred Rogers, threw out the first pitch.⁶⁵

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, April 24, 1945

ATHLETICS						SEABEES					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Garrison,lf	2	2	1	1	0	Schade,cf.	3	2	2	0	0
R's'nth'l,rf	4	2	0	3	1	Peddle'rd,lf	3	1	1	1	0
Es'lella,cf	2	1	1	0	0	Cowan 3	4	0	1	1	2
Cicero,cf.	4	1	2	2	1	Jackson,s.	4	0	2	0	0
Pruett,c	6	2	2	3	1	Hutto,rf...	4	0	1	2	0
McGhee,l.	6	2	3	9	0	George c	2	1	0	6	0
Hall,2...	5	3	4	1	3	Ayers,c...	0	0	0	1	1
Busch,s	2	0	1	0	1	Boyle,l ..	3	1	1	6	0
Wilkins,s	3	3	2	1	0	Cirigliano,2	2	0	0	4	2
Metro,3	3	4	1	1	0	Miller,p...	0	0	0	0	1
Reidy,p	3	1	0	0	1	Beane,p...	2	1	1	0	1
aBrucker	2	2	1	0	0	Graff,p ..	0	0	0	0	0
Scheib,p.	0	0	0	0	0	Millay,p	0	0	0	0	0
						bRobinson	1	0	0	0	0
						Malefi,p..	0	0	0	0	0

Totals	42	23	18	21	8	Totals	28	6	9	21	7	
Innings	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Athletics	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	6	0	0	3	12	0-23
Seabees	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	5	0	0	0	0	0-6

Errors—McGhee 2, Scheib, Schade, Peddicord 2, Cowan, Jackson Hutto, George, Cirigliano. Two-base hits—McGhee, Hall, Schade. Three-base hits—Beane. Home run—Metro. Stolen bases—Garrison, Jackson. Double plays—McGhee (unassisted); Cicero and McGhee; Rosenthal and McGhee. Hits—Off Miller 8 in 1³/₄; Beane 2 in 3¹/₂; Graff 3 in 0; Millay 6 in 1; Malefi 0 in 1; Reidy 9 in 5; Scheib 0 in 2. Bases on balls—Off Reidy 3. Scheib 1 Miller 2, Beane 3, Graff 3. Strikeouts—Reidy 2, Scheib 1, Miller 2, Beane 3, Millay 2. Wild pitch—Beane. Left on bases—Athletics 6, Seabees 5. Umpires—Pietranti and Rose.

aBatted for Reidy in sixth.
bBatted for Millay in sixth.

June 25, 1945

Camp Endicott, Davisville, Rhode Island

Boston Braves 2

Camp Endicott Seabees 1

Notes: Bill Ramsey's broken-bat single over "Flash" Jackson's head at shortstop in the top of the ninth drove in Frank Drews and Steve Shemo to rally the Braves over the Seabees. An estimated 5500 Seabees were in attendance.⁶⁶

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, June 26, 1945

BRAVES						SEABEES					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Shemo,s	4	1	0	2	2	Schade,cf	4	0	0	1	0
Ramsey,cf	5	0	1	1	0	Peddle'rd,3	3	0	1	0	5
W'kman,3	5	0	2	1	2	W. J'kson,s	3	1	1	4	6
Nleman,lf	4	0	1	4	0	Hutto,lf	3	0	1	1	1
Mack,1	3	0	1	10	0	George,c	4	0	0	2	0
Ullsney,rf	3	0	1	0	0	Boyle,1	4	0	0	13	0
Hofferth,c	4	0	0	4	0	R. J'kson,rf	3	0	0	3	1
Drews,2	3	1	3	4	6	bHalthcock	1	0	0	0	0
Earley,p.	3	0	1	1	4	Cirigli'no,2	2	0	0	3	5
aWlet'l'n,s	1	0	0	0	0	cGorman	1	0	0	0	0
Fitte,p	0	0	0	0	0	Cushing,p	2	0	1	0	2

Totals	35	2	10	27	14	Totals	30	1	4	27	20			
Innings	.....					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Braves	.....					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	—2
Endicott	.....					0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	—1

Errors—Nleman, W. Jackson. Hits—On Earley 4 in 8; Fitte 0 in 1. Stolen bases—Nleman 2. Drews, Ramsey. Two-base hit—Workman. Three-base hit—W. Jackson. Sacrifice hit—W. Jackson. Double plays—Shemo, Drews and Mack; W. Jackson, Cirigliano and Boyle. Struck out—By Earley 2, Cushing 2. Base on balls—Off Earley 4, Cushing 5. Left on bases—Braves 11, Seabees 7. Umpires—Rose and Owen.

a-Batted for Earley in 9th.
 b-Batted for R. Jackson in 9th.
 c-Batted for Cirigliano in 9th.

July 30, 1945

Pawtucket Stadium, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

New York Yankees 4

Pawtucket Slaters 3

Notes: George "Snuffy" Stirnweiss led off the game with a ground-rule double to centerfield and scored on a single by Herschel Martin. Stirnweiss also doubled in a run in the eighth before Russ Derry drove in Joe Page with the go-ahead run.⁶⁷ Charlie Bird relieved Tom Moylan for the Slaters and struck out the side in the seventh (Hersh Martin, Don Savage, and Oscar Grimes). Bird would continue to pitch in the New England League after the war, but never reached the big leagues.⁶⁸

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, July 31, 1945 (Ad from July 30)

PAWTUCKET STADIUM
FLOODLIGHT BASEBALL

PAWTUCKET

VS.

NEW YORK YANKEES


(WITH REGULAR LINEUP)

TONIGHT at 8:45 P. M.

RESERVED SEATS75c (TAX INC.)

GENERAL ADMISSION 50c " "

CHILDREN (UNDER 12)20c " "



NEW YORK					PAWTUCKET								
	a	b	r	h	p	a		a	b	r	h	p	a
St'weiss, 2	5	1	3	2	4	Corr 1	.	5	1	2	3	1	
Meth'ny, rf	1	0	0	0	0	Meyers, s	.	4	1	2	6	3	
Deery, rf	2	0	1	0	0	Nahigian, lf	.	3	1	0	0	0	
Martin, lf	5	1	1	0	0	J. Mills, c, rf	.	3	0	0	4	1	
Etten, 1	3	0	2	6	0	Kelly 3	.	4	0	0	2	0	
Savage 3	2	0	0	0	0	Allen rf	.	3	0	3	0	0	
Grimes, 3, 1	3	0	0	4	0	La Pietra, c	.	2	0	1	5	0	
St'nback, cf	5	0	2	1	0	O'Brien, cf	.	4	0	0	3	1	
Drescher, c	3	0	2	6	1	Lehan 2	.	3	0	1	3	1	
Garbark, c	1	1	0	8	0	Moylan, p	.	1	0	0	1	1	
Mil'vich, s	3	0	0	0	3	xKrak'ski	.	1	0	0	0	0	
H'combe, p	2	0	1	0	1	Bird, p	.	1	0	1	0	0	
Page, p	1	1	1	0	3								

Totals 36 4 13 27 12 Totals 34 3 10 27 8

Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

New York 2 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0—4

Pawtucket 3 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—3

Errors—Stirnweiss, Martin. Hits—Off Holcombe, 8 in 5 innings; Page, 2 in 4 innings. Moylan, 10 in 6 innings; Bird, 3 in 3. Stolen base—Corr. Two-base hits—Stirnweiss 2. Drescher 2, Meyers, Bird. Sacrifice hits—Holcombe, Mills, Moylan. Double plays—Meyers to Lehan; Meyers to Corr; Milosevich to Stirnweiss to Etten. Struck out—By Holcombe 5. Page 8, Moylan 4. Bird 5. Base on balls—Off Holcombe 4, Page 2. Moylan 4, Bird 2. Wild pitch—Moylan. Winning pitcher—Page. Losing pitcher—Bird. Left on bases—New York 12, Pawtucket 12. Time of game—2h 15m. Umpires—Sherwood, Routhowska, O'Conner.

xBatted for Moylan in 6th.

August 28, 1945

Pawtucket Stadium, Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Boston Braves 7

Pawtucket Slaters 6 (12 innings)

Notes: Tommy Holmes and Butch Nieman combined for 9 of the Braves 13 hits. Joe Krakowski of Central Falls took a 6-2 lead into the seventh before faltering, surrendering a homerun by Chuck Workman "that bounced off the scoreboard."⁶⁹ Boston's John Hutchings struck out the side in the seventh and the eighth. In the twelfth, Workman reached on a one-out walk and advanced to second when his aborted steal attempt led to a poor throw by catcher Jim Peters that went into left field. Nieman then drove Workman home with a single.

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, August 29, 1945

BOSTON						PAWTUCKET					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Wietel'n,s.	4	0	0	2	6	Lehan,2	4	1	4	3	6
Shupe,l	6	1	1	13	2	Meyers,s	6	0	1	6	5
Holmes,rf	6	2	4	2	0	Nah'n,lf,cf	6	0	1	1	1
Aderholt,2	5	1	2	5	4	Mills,rf	6	1	2	1	1
Workm'n,3	4	2	1	2	4	Mack,3	5	1	1	1	1
Nie'n,lf	6	1	5	1	0	Corr,l	5	1	1	14	1
Gill'er,cf	5	0	0	2	0	O'Brien,cf	4	1	1	3	0
Masi,c	2	0	0	1	1	Schaeffer,cf	1	0	0	0	0
Tracy,c	2	0	0	8	0	Peters,c	5	0	0	6	1
Hendr'on,p	1	0	0	0	1	Krak'ki,p	2	1	1	1	3
xMedw'k	1	0	0	0	0	Forys,p	2	0	0	0	0
Campbell,p	0	0	0	0	0						
Logan,p	0	0	0	0	0						
Donovan,p	0	0	0	0	0						
yHofferth	1	0	0	0	0						
Hutch'gs,p	1	0	0	0	0						
Matte,p	1	0	0	0	0						

Totals	45	7	13	36	18	Totals	46	6	12	36	19		
Innings	..	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Boston	..	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	1—7
Pawtucket	.	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	—6

Errors—Aderholt, Peters 2, Wietelmann.
 Hits off—Hendrickson 5 in 4; Campbell 0 in 1 1-3; Logan 2 in 1-3; Donovan 1 in 1-3; Hutchings 3 in 4; Matte 1 in 2, Krakowski 11 in 7 2-3; Forys 2 in 4 1-3. Stolen base—Aderholt, Mills, Nieman 3, Mack. Two-base hits—Mills, Holmes 2, Aderholt, O'Brien. Three-base hit—Krakowski. Home run—Workman. Sacrifice hit—Lehan. Double plays—Shupe, Aderholt, Wietelmann, Masi, Workman; Krakowski, Meyers, Corr 2; Wietelmann, Shupe; Aderholt, Shupe. Struck out—By Hendrickson 1; Donovan 1; Hutchings 7; Krakowski 3; Forys 4. Base on balls—Off Hendrickson 1; Campbell 2; Krakowski 5; Hutchings 1; Forys 3; Matte 3. Wild pitch—Krakowski. Time of game—3h. 5m. Umpires—Mullen, Sherwood, Routhowska. Attendance—8100.

xBatted for Hendrickson in 5th.
 yBatted for Donovan in 7th.

September 25, 1945

Quonset Point, Rhode Island

Quonset Flyers 7

Boston Braves 1

Notes: Of all of the exhibition games played in Rhode Island during World War II between military and big league teams, this is the only one in which the military team won the game.

Lt. Bob Williams, a Braves farmhand, started for Quonset. The Braves' starter was Mort Cooper, who had been acquired from the St. Louis Cardinals on May 23 following a contract dispute.⁷⁰ Cooper had emerged as a star during the war, winning 20 games a year from 1942 through 1944, earning National League MVP honors in 1942. But he had been sidelined since August 16 due to bone spurs in his elbow, forcing him to have surgery for the second time during his career.⁷¹

The Flyers' catcher was Gus Niarhos, who would rejoin the New York Yankees organization after the war.⁷² By June 1946 he was promoted to the majors and would eventually play nine seasons for the Yankees, White Sox, Red Sox, and Phillies.

Box Score Source: *Providence Journal*, September 26, 1945

QUONSET						BRAVES					
	ab	r	h	po	a		ab	r	h	po	a
Pullins, 2.	5	0	2	0	2	Culler, s	5	0	0	1	1
Jones, s.	5	0	0	1	6	Ramsey, lf	3	0	1	2	0
Niarhos, c.	3	1	2	6	1	Masi, 3	1	0	1	1	0
Manno, cf.	4	2	1	2	0	Wentzel, cf.	3	0	1	2	1
Cowsar, lf	4	1	1	3	0	W'kman, rf	4	0	2	2	0
W'ch'f'r, rf	4	0	2	2	0	Adh'lt, 3, lf	2	0	1	0	0
Sp'rath, 1	4	1	1	10	0	Nelson, 2	4	0	0	6	1
Quinlan, 3	3	1	1	2	3	Hofferth, c.	4	1	2	5	1
Williams, p	1	0	0	0	0	Shupe, 1	2	0	0	5	0
aBarberry	0	0	0	0	0	Cooper, p	1	0	0	0	1
Peterson, p	2	1	1	1	1	H'd'cks'n, p	1	0	0	0	0
						Logan, p	1	0	0	0	2
						Hutch'gs, p	1	0	0	0	0
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Totals 35 7 11 27 13						Totals 32 1 8 24 7					
Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9											
Quonset 0 0 0 2 0 1 0 4 x—7											
Braves 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—1											
Errors—Culler, Masi. Runs batted in—											
Wendelschaefer 2 Spennrath, Peterson 4											
Hofferth. Sacrifices—Cowsar, Barberry.											
Two-base hit—Workman. Home runs—											
Peterson, Hofferth. Double play—Peterson,											
Jones and Spennrath. Strikeouts—Williams											
7, Peterson 1, Hendrickson 1, Logan 1											
Hutchings 2. Bases on balls—Williams 4,											
Peterson 1, Cooper 1, Hutchings 1. Hits—											
Off Williams 4 in 5, off Peterson 4 in 4,											
off Cooper 0 in 2, off Hendrickson 3 in 2,											
off Logan 3 in 2, off Hutchings 5 in 2. Win-											
ning pitcher—Williams. Losing pitcher—											
Hendrickson. Left on bases—Quonset 8,											
Braves 9. Umpires—Lefebvre and Sagar-											
della.											

aBatted for Williams in 5th.

Notes

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- ¹ Photo is an official Navy photo which was enclosed with a letter from Ray Murphy to *The Sporting News*, for potential publication. Found online at https://www.mearsonlineauctions.com/1940s_circa_Quonset_Flyers_Team_Photo_and_Correspo-LOT36012.aspx along with a letter that listed the names of the players. I have dated the letter as from 1944 based on its reference to a 3-2 victory over the Philadelphia Athletics in “an extra inning” which took place in 1944. Some of the spellings of the player names differ from the box scores and stories in the *Providence Journal*. The photo and letter were sold at auction in 2010.
- ² <https://www.retrosheet.org/InSeasonExhibitionGames1921-2012.htm>
- ³ Figure taken from <https://www.retrosheet.org/InSeasonExhibitionGames1921-2012.htm>
- ⁴ Between 1945 and 1973 just four games are listed in the spreadsheet on the Retrosheet website: two games in 1947 between the Providence Chiefs of the New England League and the Boston Braves and Cincinnati Reds, respectively, a 1949 contest between the Pawtucket Slaters and the Brooklyn Dodgers, and a game in 1966 between the Pawtucket Indians and the Cleveland Indians. The author has made no effort to find additional games during this period.
- ⁵ The 4,500 figure is cited on the *Baseball in Wartime* home page: <https://www.baseballinwartime.com/>
- ⁶ “U.S. Takes Possession of 379 Acres at Quonset,” *Providence Journal*, July 10, 1940. The article implies that the U.S. District Court settled the issue on July 9, but many land owners fought their property evaluations even after this date, based on articles in the *Journal* in the coming days. U.S. District Attorney J. Howard McGrath (who would be elected Governor of Rhode Island that November, and later serve as U.S. Solicitor General, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, U.S. Senator from Rhode Island, and U.S. Attorney General under President Truman) deposited a check for the amount “in the court registry.”
- ⁷ John P. Forbes, “Quonset Naval Air Station, \$30,000,000 Project Built Within Year, Opens Today,” *Providence Journal*, July 12, 1941; http://www.quonsetpoint.artinruins.com/quonset_text.htm
- ⁸ “Navy’s Biggest Air Base Commissioned at Quonset,” *Providence Journal*, July 13, 1941.
- ⁹ Former Naval Construction Battalion Davisville, <https://www.bracpmo.navy.mil/BRAC-Bases/Northeast/Former-Naval-Construction-Battalion-Davisville/>, accessed January 24, 2023. There were several Seabee battalions based at various locations across the United States.
- ¹⁰ “Rear Admiral Mordecai T. Endicott,” *Naval History and Heritage Command*, <https://www.history.navy.mil/research/library/manuscripts/e-f/rear-admiral-mordecai-t-endicott-collection.html>, accessed January 2023. Endicott’s daughter Grace unveiled a plaque in his honor during the dedication ceremony on April 4, 1943; see John Ward, “Knox, at Davisville, Warns Against Undue Optimism,” *Providence Journal*, April 5, 1943.
- ¹¹ “Seabee Station Named for Hero,” *Providence Journal*, November 23, 1943. Map of Quonset-Davisville site: http://www.quonsetpoint.artinruins.com/full_base_map.htm (Quonset) and http://www.quonsetpoint.artinruins.com/full_davisville_map.htm (Davisville) accessed May 2023.
- ¹² See aerial photographs included in this article. An article in the June 28, 1944 *Providence Journal*, makes it clear that the Boston Red Sox played at both Camp Thomas and Camp Endicott on June 27, and that these were two different locations. A photo of Camp Endicott that accompanied that article shows a dugout and a section of bleachers along third-base line. A photo from Camp Thomas in the May 10, 1944 *Providence Journal* depicts a very similar setup.
- ¹³ For examples of games against college competition, see: (Harvard) <https://www.thecrimson.com/article/1944/4/28/crimson-opposes-quonset-nine-beginning-44/>; (Wesleyan) <https://athletics.wesleyan.edu/sports/baseball/schedule/1944> (and 1945); (Dartmouth) <https://dartmouthsports.com/sports/baseball/schedule/1945-46> (and 1944-45).
- ¹⁴ Photo obtained from “Historic American Buildings Survey/Historic American Engineering Record/Historic American Landscape Survey Collection, Rights and Restrictions Information, Prints and Photographs Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C., 20540-4730. Material in these collections is generally considered to be in the public domain.” Direct link: <https://www.loc.gov/resource/hhh.ri0347.photos/?sp=2> accessed March 2023.
- ¹⁵ Photo obtained from “U.S. Navy Seabee Museum, Naval Advance Base Depot Davisville, 1945.” Direct link: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/usnavyseabeesmuseum/9043816471/in/album-72157626759415048/>, Licensed by a <https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/2.0/> license.
- ¹⁶ The New England League existed in many forms over the years. It was an unaffiliated minor/semipro league during the war years. From 1946 through 1949 it would be formally recognized as a B-level minor league and the Pawtucket Slaters would be affiliated with the Boston Braves.

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- ¹⁷ "Slaters Trip Braves, 3-2, On Squeeze Play in 10th," *Providence Journal*, August 21, 1942. Allen's first name taken from "Phillies Nip Slaters, 3-2, Before 3500," *Providence Journal*, June 22, 1943. Both players are listed on the Baseball Reference site.
- ¹⁸ "Red Sox Collect 14 Hits In Beating Pawtucket, 8-2," *Providence Journal*, July 26, 1942.
- ¹⁹ Note the list on the Retrosheet site is missing 5 of the games listed in this document.
- ²⁰ Articles in the *Providence Journal*, including July 6, 1942, August 16, 1945, and June 7, 1946. Also <http://smallstatebighistory.com/mayor-thomas-p-mccoy-the-prince-of-pawtucket-and-the-building-of-mccoy-stadium-mccoys-folly/>. The nature of the site forced the dugouts to be placed at field level, rather than "dug out" as is usually the case, and the first row of seats was located above the dugouts. This forced generations of fans looking for autographs before games to get creative; in the 1980's I recall them using string or rope to lower cut-out plastic bottles filled with balls, cards, etc. down to the level of the field.
- ²¹ Games held at Quonset and Davisville were played for the entertainment of the soldiers (and presumed civilians) who worked at the base. Any attendance figures cited in the game stories would have been estimates.
- ²² For the purposes of this table, DH = Doubleheader
- ²³ Phillies also played a doubleheader at home against the Giants on September 15, for a total of 8 games in 5 days. The doubleheader on September 19 was forced by a rainout on September 17.
- ²⁴ https://goholycross.com/documents/2020/7/24//Captains_and_Coaches.pdf?id=6870
- ²⁵ Ed (Eddie) Murphy the pitcher, was a native of Haydenville, MA, and should not be confused with Ed Murphy of Lowell, who served as captain the Holy Cross football team and was also a member of the school's track & field team. Murphy's stint with Fort Devens included multiple victories over major league teams, including the Philadelphia A's, 5-1, on September 2, 1943; "Murphy Twirls Devens to Win over A's, 5-1," *Springfield Republican*, September 3, 1943, cites that the victory was his "third straight victory over major league opposition."
- ²⁶ Bill Nowlin, "Bill LeFebvre," <https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/bill-lefebvre/>.
- ²⁷ "Red Sox Collect 14 Hits In Beating Pawtucket, 8-2," *Providence Journal*, July 26, 1942.
- ²⁸ Ralph Berger, "Al Schacht," <https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/al-schacht>.
- ²⁹ "15,000 Persons View Induction Exercise, Hear Bond Appeals," *Providence Journal*, September 26, 1942.
- ³⁰ Joe Nutter, "Red Sox Top Quonset, 8-2, Before 4000 Servicemen," *Providence Journal*, June 8, 1943.
- ³¹ Bill Nowlin, "Danny MacFayden," <https://sabr.org/bioproj/person/Danny-MacFayden/>. "Slaters Ready to Give Braves Battle in Game at Pawtucket Stadium Tonight," *Providence Journal*, July 15, 1943.
- ³² Barney Madden, "Phillies Nip Slaters, 3-2, Before 3500," *Providence Journal*, June 22, 1943.
- ³³ "Pressers to Get Second Hard Test," *Providence Journal*, December 26, 1943. In the Pressers previous game on December 19, they had lost to the Camp Endicott Seabees, 50-47. Pantex Pressing Machines had a factory on Roosevelt Avenue in Pawtucket that made machines to press clothes, mostly for laundries and dry cleaners, but also for the U.S. Military. Photo of the factory from 1958 available on the Pawtucket Library Flickr archive: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/pawtucketlibrary/52486948735/>
- ³⁴ Team photo: https://goodoldsandlotdays.com/gallery/alameda-coast-guard#!1945_Alameda_Coast_Guard_SeaLions accessed January 31, 2023.
- ³⁵ Barney Madden, "Cards Too Good For Coast Guard, 6-3," *Providence Journal*, July 14, 1943.
- ³⁶ Barney Madden, "Fallon of Slaters Blanks Braves, 5-0," *Providence Journal*, July 16, 1943.
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