

ALBION TIGERS HISTORY

The original Albion Tigers were a member of the semi-pro Central Wisconsin League in the 1930s, attracting players from Madison, Milwaukee, and Rockford and often hosting barnstorming professional teams such as the Kansas City Monarchs and Chicago Giants. The ballclub was forced to disband during World War II, but was re-born in 1946 as an amateur outfit and joined the Home Talent League in 1947. The Tigers have had a long and successful history, with sectional championships and Final Four appearances in 1953, 1957, 1976, 2011, and 2016. The Tigers won their first Home Talent League title in 2016.

Wally Olstad was a Tiger player and manager from the team's rebirth in 1946 until 1985. His teams compiled a 307-295 record in those years, with three Final Four appearances. Wally won Manager of the Year awards in 1976 and 1981, and is truly a Home Talent League legend. The scoreboard and concrete bench in Albion Park are dedicated to his memory. Wally's memory is further commemorated every July with the Annual Wally Olstad Classic, when the Tigers face a Southeast Section rival at Edgerton's Tobacco Heritage Days.

RECENT HOME TALENT LEAGUE RESULTS

2024 - 5-9... 9-16 overall
2023 - 11-3 (Playoff Qualifier)... 15-11 overall
2022 - 7-7... 11-13 overall
2021 - 4-6... 6-11-1 overall
2020 - NO LEAGUE DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC
2019 - 13-3 (Regular Season Winner)... 15-9-1 overall
2018 - 8-8... 10-14 overall
2017 - 11-5 (Playoff Qualifier)... 16-15 overall
2016 - 13-3 (Playoff Qualifier, HOME TALENT LEAGUE CHAMPIONS!)... 24-6 overall
2015 - 12-4 (Playoff Qualifier)... 17-10 overall
2014 - 12-4 (Playoff Qualifier, Section Finalist)... 20-8 overall
2013 - 8-7... 16-9 overall
2012 - 15-1 (Regular Season Winner, Section Finalist)...24-4 overall
2011 - 12-4 (Playoff Qualifier, SOUTHEAST CHAMPION)... 22-11 overall
2010 - 10-6... 19-9 overall
2009 - 11-5 (Playoff Qualifier)... 15-12 overall
2008 - 8-6... 13-11 overall
2007 - 12-3 (Playoff Qualifier)... 16-9 overall
2006 - 14-2 (Regular Season Winner, Section Finalist)... 22-7 overall
2005 - 8-8 (Playoff Qualifier)... 12-14 overall
2004 - 13-3 (Regular Season Winner)... 15-12 overall
2003 - 8-10... 9-19 overall
2002 - 8-8 (Playoff Qualifier)... 8-9 overall

RECENT HOME TALENT LEAGUE ALL-STARS

2024 - Charlie Hatlen, Matthew Klubertanz, Brian Rusch
2023 - Drew Hanson, Steven Olson
2022 - Charlie Hatlen, Clayton Klubertanz
2019 - Jake Zeimet
2018 - Lucas Gregory, Cullen Oren
2017 - Tyler Oren, Josh Eastman
2016 - Tyler Oren, Kyle Johnson
2015 - Kris Agnew, Aaron Laskowski
2014 - Josh Eastman, Aaron Laskowski
2013 - Adam Gregory, Josh Eastman

2012 – Aaron Laskowski, Matt Buhrow
2011 – Jesse Appel, Josh Eastman
2010 – Mike Nanstad, Ben Everson
2009 – Mike Nanstad, Ethan Vaade
2008 – Marty Johnson

RECENT HOME TALENT LEAGUE AWARD WINNERS

2023 - CHARLIE HATLEN - Southeast Section Pitcher of the Year
2018 – JOSH EASTMAN – Southeast Section Most Valuable Player
2016 - JOSH EASTMAN - Co-MVP of the Playoffs
2016 – LUCAS GREGORY - Co-MVP of the Playoffs
2016 – KYLE JOHNSON - Brett Magritz Memorial Award (Leader/Teammate)
2016 – BEN TOWNS - Playoff Co-Manager of the Year
2016 - MATT TOWNS - Playoff Co-Manager of the Year
2015 – AARON LASKOWSKI - Southeast Section Most Valuable Player
2012 - BEN TOWNS - Manager of the Year
2011 - JOSH EASTMAN - Brett Magritz Memorial Award (Leader/Teammate)
2009 - MIKE NANSTAD - Southeast Section Most Valuable Player
2008 - JIM EASTMAN - Commissioner's Award (Special Recognition)
2007 – MIKE NANSTAD - Kendall Murray Award (Outstanding Pitcher)
2006 – JESSE APPEL - Southeast Section Most Valuable Player
2004 - BEN EVERSON - Southeast Section Most Valuable Player
2004 – BEN EVERSON - Kendall Murray Award (Outstanding Pitcher)
2004 – MATT TOWNS – Manager of the Year
2002 - JIM EASTMAN - Manager of the Year

RECENT SECTIONAL LEADING HITTERS

2024 - Charlie Hatlen - 6th - Southeast - .351
2018 – Josh Eastman – CHAMPION – Southeast - .500
 Aaron Laskowski – 9th – Southeast - .385
2017 – Josh Eastman – 3rd – Southeast - .441
 Tyler Oren – 7th – Southeast - .389
2016 – Tyler Oren – 3rd – Southeast - .448
 Aaron Laskowski – 6th – Southeast - .391
2015 – Aaron Laskowski – 3rd – Southeast - .426
 Kris Agnew – 4th – Southeast - .415
2014 – Aaron Laskowski – 2nd – Southeast - .458
2012 – Aaron Laskowski – 5th – Southeast - .408
 Jesse Appel – 9th – Southeast - .388
2011 – Aaron Laskowski – CHAMPION – Southeast - .476
 Jesse Appel – 6th – Southeast - .444
 Josh Eastman – 10th – Southeast - .397
2009 – Ethan Vaade – 5th – Southeast - .365
2007 – Ethan Vaade – 3rd – Southeast - .442
 Max Cordio – 6th – Southeast - .400
2006 – Jesse Appel – 10th – Southeast - .324
2005 – Ethan Vaade – 6th – Southeast - .377
2004 – Jesse Appel – 8th – Southeast - .339
2002 – Kris Agnew – 5th – Southeast - .400
2001 – Adam Reiersen – 8th – Southeast - .338

1996 – Dick Spike – 7th – Southeast - .384
Jim Eastman – 8th – Southeast - .370