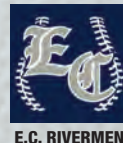


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2016 CRBL Champion Osseo Merchants



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- Tilden home games @ Casper
- EC Bears home games @ Stein
- EC Rivermen home games @ Stein

Saturday, April 29
OSSEO @ WHITEHALL
BLOOMER @ CADOTT

Sunday, April 30
JIM FALLS @ STANLEY
TILDEN @ CADOTT
RIVERMEN @ AUGUSTA
BEEF RIVER @ BEARS @ CARSON
CAVALIERS @ BLOOMER

Saturday, May 6
TILDEN @ BLOOMER

Sunday, May 7
JIM FALLS @ BLOOMER
STANLEY @ TILDEN
BEEF RIVER @ RIVERMEN
BEARS @ WHITEHALL

Saturday, May 13
TILDEN @ JIM FALLS
CAVALIERS @ CADOTT
OSSEO @ BEEF RIVER
STANLEY @ BLOOMER
BEARS @ AUGUSTA

Wednesday, May 17
STANLEY @ CAVALIERS

Sunday, May 21
WHITEHALL @ CAVALIERS (2H)
AUGUSTA @ CADOTT (2H)
BLOOMER @ BEEF RIVER (2H)
JIM FALLS @ RIVERMEN (2H)
OSSEO @ STANLEY (2H)
BEARS @ TILDEN (2H)

Wednesday, May 24
JIM FALLS @ CAVALIERS
WHITEHALL @ AUGUSTA

Sunday, May 28
BEEF RIVER @ CAVALIERS (2H)

Wednesday, May 31
BEEF RIVER @ OSSEO

Saturday, June 3
JIM FALLS @ CADOTT

Sunday, June 4
WHITEHALL @ BLOOMER (2H)
OSSEO @ CADOTT (2H)
BEARS @ JIM FALLS (2H)
AUGUSTA @ STANLEY (2H)
RIVERMEN @ TILDEN (2H)

Wednesday, June 7
CADOTT @ STANLEY
BLOOMER @ TILDEN
AUGUSTA @ WHITEHALL

Friday, June 9
BEARS @ OSSEO

Sunday, June 11
BLOOMER @ RIVERMEN (2H)
CADOTT @ BEARS (2H)
CAVALIERS @ AUGUSTA (2H)
JIM FALLS @ BEEF RIVER (2H)
STANLEY @ WHITEHALL (2H)
TILDEN @ OSSEO (2H)

Wednesday, June 14
WHITEHALL @ BEARS

Saturday, June 17
JIM FALLS @ AUGUSTA (2H)
CADOTT @ BEEF RIVER (2H)
BLOOMER @ OSSEO (2H)
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Wednesday, June 21
CADOTT @ TILDEN
CAVALIERS @ STANLEY
WHITEHALL @ RIVERMEN
BEARS @ BEEF RIVER
OSSEO @ AUGUSTA

Sunday, June 25
BEEF RIVER @ TILDEN (2H)
OSSEO @ JIM FALLS (2H)
AUGUSTA @ RIVERMEN

Wednesday, June 28
WHITEHALL @ OSSEO
AUGUSTA @ BEEF RIVER
BEARS @ RIVERMEN

Friday, June 30
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Saturday, July 2
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Saturday, July 8
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Sunday, July 9
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WHITEHALL @ JIM FALLS (2H)
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TILDEN @ AUGUSTA (2H)

Wednesday, July 12
CAVALIERS @ TILDEN
OSSEO @ BEARS
RIVERMEN @ BEEF RIVER

Saturday, July 15
RIVERMEN @ BEARS 4:00 IN
OSSEO
AUGUSTA @ OSSEO 7:30
JIM FALLS @ TILDEN

Sunday, July 16
AUGUSTA @ BLOOMER (2H)
STANLEY @ JIM FALLS

Wednesday, July 19
CADOTT @ CAVALIERS
TILDEN @ STANLEY
RIVERMEN @ OSSEO
BEEF RIVER @ WHITEHALL

Saturday, July 22
BLOOMER @ CAVALIERS

Sunday, July 23
CADOTT @ WHITEHALL (2H)
STANLEY @ RIVERMEN (2H)
@ FAIRFAX
BLOOMER @ JIM FALLS
TILDEN @ CAVALIERS

Wednesday, July 26
BEEF RIVER @ AUGUSTA
RIVERMEN @ WHITEHALL
BLOOMER @ STANLEY

Saturday, July 29
CADOTT @ JIM FALLS

Sunday, July 30
STANLEY @ CADOTT
CAVALIERS @ JIM FALLS
OSSEO @ RIVERMEN
@ FAIRFAX
WHITEHALL @ BEEF RIVER
AUGUSTA @ BEARS

Wednesday, August 2
WILD CARD @ NORTH CHAMPION
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Saturday, August 5
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2017 Chippewa River Baseball League Preview

Welcome to another season of organized and competitive baseball in the historic Chippewa River Baseball League. It is with pride and respect that we recognize 2017 as the 89th season of baseball in the CRBL over a 109-year period dating back to the summer of 1908. It is incredible to think that nearly 12,200 individuals have played in the CRBL over this long, storied, and documented existence. Confidently stated, very few if any baseball organizations – amateur or professional – across the United States can substantiate such a strong and rich place in America’s pastime as that of the Chippewa River Baseball League.

Retrospectively looking at 2016, the Osseo Merchants had one heck of a squad. Led by the dominant left arm of Jake Peterson and the nitro-like bat of left-handed slugger Ryan Freitag, the Merchants finished 19 and 3 in the CRBL and 33 and 5 overall. Along the way, they won their first CRBL crown by beating the Eau Claire Bears 4-0 in the CRBL Championship game, advanced to the WBA’s Final 8 for the third time in their franchise’s history, and lost to the Sparta Millers 2-1 in the WBA championship bout.

Along with Osseo, the Whitehall Wolves also survived to the WBA’s Final 8 (their first), where they also lost to Sparta, 2-0 in the semi-final game. The last time a CRBL team made it to the Final 8 was back in 2011 when Beef River lost in the WBA championship 9-8 to the River Falls Fighting Fish at Coon Valley. Moreover, the last time the CRBL had two teams make the Final 8 was even farther back in 2009, when the Eau Claire Bears and the Hallie Eagles played in Haugen.

2017 will likely go down as a year of transition in the annals of CRBL lore. Specifically, the Hallie Eagles have folded after competing in the league since 1978. In their place will be the established and respected Eau Claire Cavaliers, who were founded in 1971. Additionally, the Eau Claire Rivermen will take the place of the Chippewa Falls Lumberjacks (established in 1983). Once all these changes fell out of the tumbler, the divisional alignments in 2017 became:

North Division
Bloomer Fightin’ Woodticks
Cadott Red Sox
Eau Claire Cavaliers
Jim Falls Sturgeons
Stanley Slammers
Tilden Tigers

South Division
Augusta Athletics
Beef River Bullfrogs
Eau Claire Bears
Eau Claire Rivermen
Osseo Merchants
Whitehall Wolves

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- April 29/30 • CRBL Opening Weekend**
- June 30 • 61st CRBL All-Star game in Osseo, 7 pm**
- August 2 • Wildcard Wednesday @ sights yet to determined**
- August 5 • CRBL Championship Saturday**
- August 11-13 • WBA Regionals at sights yet to be determined**
- August 18-20 • WBA Finals at Mississippi Valley League site**

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2016 Final CRBL Standings, Statistics, & Information

2016 Final Standings

North Division

Tilden Tigers	19-3
Chippewa Falls Lumberjacks	9-13
Jim Falls Sturgeons	9-13
Stanley Slammers	7-15
Bloomer Fightin' Woodticks	5-16
Cadott Red Sox	3-18

South Division

Osseo Merchants	19-3
Eau Claire Bears	18-4
Whitehall Wolves	18-4
Beef River Bullfrogs	16-6
Augusta Athletics	8-14
Hallie Eagles	0-22

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2016 CRBL Championship Game Facts

- Saturday, August 6th, 1 pm at Osseo, Eau Claire Bears vs. Osseo Merchants.
- The Bears (wildcard) and the Merchants (South Division champs) last met in the championship game in 2014, at Osseo. That year was the first in which the current wildcard format had been instituted. Coincidentally, both teams in 2014 were wildcards, and the last time either was in the title game. Eau Claire ended up winning that contest 9 to 3.
- In total, this will be the Bears 10th CRBL championship game appearance, good for third place all-time. Tilden is the leader in that category with 35 while the Chippewa Falls Lumberjacks are second with 11.
- Since joining the league in 1998, the Bears have won six CRBL championships, tied for third place with the Cadott Red Sox. The all-time leader in CRBL crowns is Tilden with 17, followed by Chippewa Falls with 7.
- Osseo's South Division title is their first in the team's 18 seasons of existence (their first year in the CRBL was 1999). The Merchants have qualified for the CRBL playoffs each of the last two seasons as a wildcard. This will be their second championship game appearance.
- In 2015, Whitehall prevailed over Tilden at Whitehall, 4-2. Brad Schank (LF from Whitehall) was named game MVP in going 1-for-3 with 1 RBI and a sac bunt. His run scoring single in the bottom of the 8th inning gave Whitehall a 3-2 lead.
- The first CRBL championship "game" was actually a best out-of-three series that took place in 1928, the second year in which the league functioned after an unexplained 18-year hiatus (there was league play in 1908 and 1909 and then not again until 1927). In the 1928 series, the Eagleton Eagletons swept Eau Claire Union 2 games to 0.

2016 Noteworthy Performances and Milestones

In addition to the milestones that have already been detailed thus far in the Chippewa and Eau Claire papers:

- There were three no-hitters in 2016. The first came on May 7th when the Bear's Mitch DeGrasse no-hit Beef River in 9 innings. The last pitcher to throw a 9 inning no-hitter was Jim Falls' Cody Bunkelman, who twirled one against Tilden in 2012. The second no-hitter of this season came on June 1st when Whitehall's Sam Ferguson and Scott Hovell combined to no-hit Augusta over 9 innings in Whitehall's 9-1 victory. The third and final no-hitter of 2016 came on July 10th when Curtis Dachel of Bloomer no-hit Augusta 2-0 over 7 innings in the second game of their doubleheader.
- Osseo's Logan Boettcher tied a single season record with 4 shutouts, becoming the 7th pitcher to share in the feat. The last to reach the mark was Whitehall's Alex Byom in 2013.
- Boettcher's league leading ERA total of 0.35 (2 ER/52 IP) was the lowest single season mark ever for a pitcher with more than 30 innings worked.
- Additionally, Boettcher's 8-0 record was the most wins without a loss since Augusta's Scott Hughes went 11-0 in 1999.
- With 81.1 innings pitched this year along with 79 strikeouts, Chippewa Falls' Tyler Gray is now 6th all-time in innings pitched with 773 and 9th all-time in K's with 750. The pace setter in both areas is CRBL Hall of Famer Russ Neslon with 1,770.1 innings pitched and 1,163 punch outs.
- The Bears' Matt Lunde had 4 wins against 0 losses this year. The 4 wins give him 71 for his CRBL career, good for 5th place all-time. The leader is CRBL Hall of Famer Jim Hoepner with 109.
- Bloomer great Scott Stuckert became only the 3rd player in league history to gather 700 total bases. The others are Tilden legends Randy Baier (804) and Mitch Steinmetz (723).
- With 16 steals in 2016, Whitehall's Tyler Manley now has 123 for his CRBL career, good for 4th place all-time. Teammate Brad Schank is now 5th in place with 121 steals while the Bears Reed Pecha moved in to 6th place at 112. The all-time leader is current Eau Claire Cavalier manager Matt Miller with 140.
- Beef River slugger Todd Lasher hit 5 homeruns this year, giving him 60 for his CRBL career. That puts him in 3rd place all-time behind Randy Baier (83) and CRBL Hall of Famer Jeremiah Paulson (74).
- Chippewa Falls' Andy Niese moved in to second place all-time in doubles with 88 and 5th place all-time in RBI's with 269. The leader in two-baggers is Mitch Steinmetz 95 while the leader in RBI's is Scott Stuckert with 365.



2017 Eau Claire Bears

The 2017 Eau Claire Bears look to build off of another excellent season in which the Bears won 18 games and went back to the CRBL Championship game for the second time in three years. Although the Bears had great success during the regular season and defeated the North Division Champions, Tilden in the CRBL Wild-Card game, the Bears lost to Osseo 4-0 in the Championship game. It was the Bears 10th championship game appearance, good for third all-time. In the Wisconsin Baseball Association State Playoffs, the Bears won their opening round game against Merrill 4-0, but lost in heartbreaking fashion to the defending state champions, Chaseburg-Coon Valley on a walk off suicide squeeze, 5-4.

As far as individual awards go, the Bears had four players honored as All-Leaguers. Chevy Tollefson earned his third All-League Pitcher award, while First Baseman, Jake Lindberg earned his second consecutive All-League award. Mitch DeGrasse earned his first All-League award as a Utility player, as his combination of pitching and hitting statistics were some of the best in the league. DeGrasse also threw a nine inning No Hitter against Beef River, the 54th No Hitter in league history and only the 26th nine inning No-No. Finally, Palmer "Clutchmaster 2016" Buss was All-League Honorable Mention, as he continually came through with big hit after big hit all season long.

The Bears are looking forward to building upon the successful season of 2016 and hope the 2017 post season is one to remember. Make sure to come out to a ball game this summer to cheer on the Bears as they play in one of the best amateur baseball leagues in the state. The Bears are looking forward another fun and competitive summer of CRBL baseball. GO BEARS!



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Outfield	Todd Lasher	Beef River
Outfield	Austin LeMay	Tilden
3rd Base	James Gilbertson	Augusta
Shortstop	Drew Steimentz	Tilden
2nd Base	Kevin Christorf	Stanley
1st Base	Jake Lindberg	EC Bears
Catcher	Nolan Matson	Osseo
Utility	Mitch DeGrasse	EC Bears
DH	Randy Gustafson	Stanley
Pitcher	Logan Boettcher	Osseo
Pitcher	Alex Byom	Whitehall
Pitcher	Chevy Tollefson	EC Bears

2016 CRBL MVP Award
Alex Byom - Whitehall

2016 CRBL Rookie of the Year Award
Nolan Matson - Osseo

2016 Jan Krueger Manager of the Year Award
Garrett Nix - Osseo

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Augusta	Ryan Conner	SS	1st Award
Beef River	Jimmy Anderson	OF	1st Award
Bloomer	Jesse Linsmeyer	SS	1st Award
Cadott	Nick Bruhn	OF	1st Award
Chippewa Falls	Josh Briggs	2B	2nd Award ('01, '16)
Eau Claire	Palmer Buss	OF	1st Award
Hallie	None		
Jim Falls	Cole Zwiefelhofer	SS	1st Award
Osseo	Kyle Hestekin	3B	1st Award
Stanley	Shawn Knox	3B	1st Award
Tilden	Nolan Baier	DH	1st Award
Whitehall	Max Ferguson	C	1st Award

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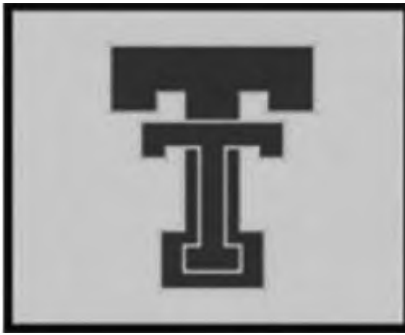
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In 2017 the Slammers look to keep getting better and get that consistency to be in contention for the CRBL North Title and a return trip to the WBA state tournament. The Slammers want to wish all the teams the best of luck in 2017 and look forward to another successful season.



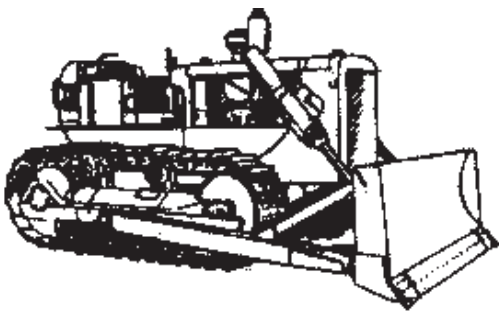
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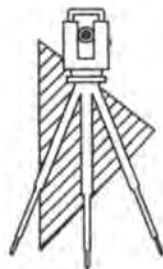
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Player – Team	H	AB	AVG. (min. 44 at-bats)
Ben Kincade – BR	25	49	.510
Ryan Freitag – Os	34	71	.479
Drew Steinmetz – Ti	26	60	.433
Nolan Matson – Os	27	64	.422
Andy Niese – CF	31	75	.413
Nick Bruhn – Cad	22	59	.407
Ryan Conner – Aug	19	47	.404
James Gilbertson – Aug	31	77	.403
Jake Lindbert – EC	26	65	.400
Todd Lasher – BR	27	68	.397

Player – Team	At-Bats
Nolan Baier – Ti	89
Austin LeMay – Ti	82
James Gilbertson – Aug	77
Jake Krier – CF	76
Jesse Linsmeyer – Bl	75
Andy Niese – CF	75

Player – Team	Hits
Nolan Baier – Ti	34
Ryan Freitag – Os	34
James Gilbertson – Aug	31
Andy Niese – CF	31
Jesse Linsmeyer – Bl	29

Player – Team	Doubles
Ryan Freitag – Os	9
James Gilbertson – Aug	9
Nolan Baier – Ti	8
Nate Larson – Ca	8
Jake Krier – CF	7
Trent Vondrasek – Wh	7

Player – Team	Triples
Ryan Freitag – Os	2
Austin LeMay – Ti	2
Corey Poirier – Bl	2
Zach Slowiak – Os	2

Player – Team	Home Runs
James Gilbertson – Aug	5
Todd Lasher – BR	5
Alex Byom – Wh	3
Ryan Freitag – Os	3
Josh Hallings – BR	3
Ryan Connor – Aug	3
Jake Lindbert – EC	3

Player – Team	RBI's
Nolan Baier – Ti	32
James Gilbertson – Aug	25
Todd Lasher – BR	25
Jim Thill – EC	21
Alex Byom – Wh	20
Ryan Freitag – Os	19

Player – Team	Runs Scored
Ryan Freitag – Os	32
Todd Lasher – BR	27
Austin LeMay – Ti	24
Drew Steinmetz – Ti	22
Jake Lindberg – EC	21
Sam Sorenson – Ti	21

Player – Team	Stolen Bases
Tyler Manley – Wh	16
Reed Pecha – EC	10
Drew Steinmetz – Ti	9
Jimmy Anderson – BR	8
Trent Vondrasek – Wh	8
Nolan Baier – Ti	7
Isaiah Gilbertson – Aug	7

Player – Team	Walks
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After an influx of youth helped the 2016 Sturgeons to triple their win total from the previous year, going 9-13, the team hopes to continue the upward trend in a season where the average age of players will drop by about two years. Manager Matt Nelson will look to the younger players to continue their development while counting on veterans to lead the way.

The 2016 team boasted some high quality performances. Offensively, Landon Mueller's .438 average with 1.071 OPS led in those categories. Following him were Matt Selz (.393 and 1.036), Cole Zwiefelhofer (.347, .830, with 25 hits including 4 doubles and 14 runs scored), and Nelson (.313, .722). Lee Balsiger led in RBI with 15, ahead of Justin Martell's 13 and Mueller's 10. Dakota Leis was the runs and doubles leader with 15 and 5, and Selz' one homer was the team's only round trip odyssey. Meanwhile, there was a tie for the triples crown, as each member of the team stroked zero of them.

On the mound, Nelson went 2-0 with 30 Ks in 29.1 innings on the way to a 1.53 ERA. Dylan Waters came on strong in the second half, going 2-3 with a 2.28 ERA in 43.1 innings. Justin Martell went 3-4 in 45.1 with a 6.15 ERA that ballooned due to arm fatigue late in the year. Zwiefelhofer chipped in with a dependable 4.36 with 33 Ks in 33 IP.

As the 2017 season approaches, Jim Falls, the second longest tenured team in the league, invites fans to watch for more improvement on recently renovated Grudem Field.

Finally, the Sturgeons mourned the passing of one of their all-time greats over the off-season. Roger "Duke" Bergeron was not only a CRBL Hall-of-Famer, but also a great player, manager, and teammate. He will be greatly missed. S'long, Duke!



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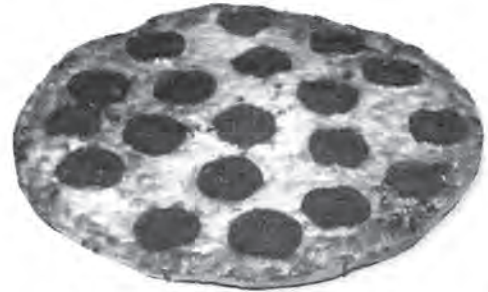
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2017 Augusta Athletics **A**

The Augusta Athletics continued their recent using in 2016. For the third straight season, the A's won more game than the year before, finishing 8-14 in the tough South Division.

James Gilbertson was selected to his first All-CRBL Team as a third-best. James led the CRBL in home runs and doubles and was second in RBI. As a pitcher, he led the league in strikeouts and finished in the top ten in ERA.

Matthew Gilbertson joined James in representing Augusta in the CRBL All-Star Game. It was his third All-Star selection. Matthew finished in the top three in most hitting categories for the A's. Ryan Connor was also chosen to the All-Star Team, but was unable to attend the game. Ryan too, finished in the top three in most hitting categories for the team and was named Honorable Mention All-CRBL.

Also last season, Dave Misch and Isaiah Gilbertson joined James Gilbertson in anchoring our pitching staff. With a young core returning that also includes Will Mallet-Brown, J.J. Breaker, Quinn Kirchoff, Aaron Herrick, Trent Meyer, Kayne Korger, Trevor Barka and others, the A's look forward to 2017.

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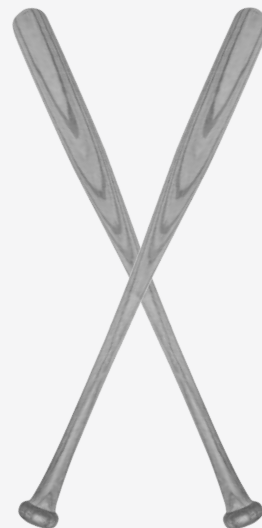
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2016 CRBL Team Hitting Statistics

Team	Hits	At-Bats	Team Batting Average
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Eau Claire Bears	207	657	.315
Whitehall Wolves	198	645	.307
Tilden Tigers	217	712	.305
Stanley Slammers	184	659	.279
Chippewa Falls Lumberjacks	174	645	.270
Cadott Red Sox	143	559	.256
Jim Falls Sturgeons	159	635	.250
Bloomer Fightin' Woodticks	161	664	.242
Augusta Athletics	144	610	.236
Hallie Eagles	NA	NA	NA
League Totals	2,013	7,125	.283



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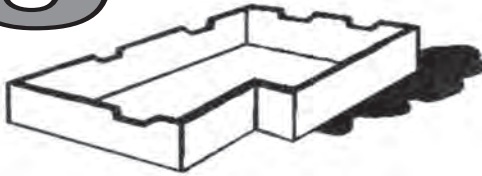
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Mike Danielson will be returning to the CRBL, ending his 13 year retirement. Rick Danielson will be in his first year managing the team.

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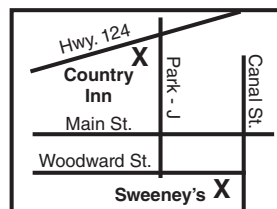
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May 10	7:30pm		Brill Millers
May 13	12:30pm	@	Cadott Red Sox*
May 14	1:00pm	@	Haugen Knights
May 17	7:30pm		Stanley Slammers*
May 21	12:30pm		Whitehall Wolves (DH)*
May 24	7:30pm		Jim Falls Sturgeons*
May 27	1:00pm		Coon Valley Blues (DH)
May 28	12:30pm		Beef River Bull Frogs (DH)
May 29	1:00pm		Sparta Miller (DH)
June 03	3:00pm	@	Hudson River Rats
June 04	3:00pm	@	Rochester Royals
June 06	7:30pm		Menomonie Eagles
June 08	7:30pm		Marshfield Chaparrals
June 11	12:30pm	@	Augusta Athletics (DH)*
June 16	7:30pm	@	La Crescent Cardinals
June 17	3:00pm	@	Spring Valley Hawks
June 18	12:30pm		Eau Claire Riverman (DH)*
June 21	7:30pm	@	Stanley Slammers*
June 24	7:30 PM	@	Hayward Hawks
June 29	7:30pm		Haugen Knights
June 30	7:30pm	@	CRBL All STAR GAME (OSSEO)
July 02	12:30pm	@	Eau Claire Bears (Carson Park) (DH)*
July 08	1:00pm	@	Coon Valley Blues (DH)
July 09	12:30pm	@	Osseo Merchants (DH)*
July 12	7:30pm	@	Tilden Tigers*
July 15	2:00pm		Westmount Red Sox (DH)
July 16	12:00pm		Westmount Red Sox (DH)
July 18	7:30pm		Brill Millers
July 19	7:30pm		Cadott Red Sox*
July 22	12:30pm		Bloomer Fightin Woodticks*
July 22	4:00pm		St. Paul Capitals
July 23	12:00pm		Tilden Tigers*
July 25	7:30pm		Plum City Blues
July 30	12:30pm	@	Jim Falls Sturgeons'*
July 31	7:30pm		La Crescent Cardinals
Aug 02			CRBL WILD CARD WEDNESDAY
Aug 04	7:30pm	@	Menomonie Eagles
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For the past two season, the Cavaliers have been members of the Independent Baseball League. In each season, the Cavaliers qualified for the Wisconsin Baseball Association post-season tournament.

The Cavaliers were formed in 1971 to provide, promote and field a baseball team to compete at the highest level of competition. Carson Park has been the home of the Cavaliers since 1971 and is the home of Eau Claire Baseball.

Field Manager Matt Miller will lead the Cavaliers into competition in the Chippewa River Baseball League in 2017. Players expected to contribute are:

Aaron Frei, Ben Bergman, Brian Dickow, Celeb Hurt, Cody Cline, Cole Tyman, Greg Button, Isaiah Cronk, Jacob Jenneman, Jake Sperry, Jordan Wilson, Jovahn Masters, Lukas Lanners, Mason Hegenbart, Matt Kent, Nathan Santos, Ryan Page, Sam Prissel, Storm Standiford, Tom Mewhorter, Travis Berg, Tyler Hermann and Zach Johnson.

The Cavaliers wish all of the teams of the Chippewa River Baseball League the best of luck in league in 2017. We invite all baseball fans to come to Carson Park for baseball action at its best this summer.



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The Bullfrog's finished the 2016 season 16 – 6, and qualified for the WBA post season in Haugen. This year, the Frog's hope to continue to build off of last year's success and contend for the South Division, and League Championship.

Todd Lasher led the team in hits (27), AB's (68), RBI's (25) Runs (27) and 17 BB. Lash also led the team and tied for the CRBL lead in Home Runs with 5. His 5 bombs give him a total of 60 in his career which all have been hit in the wood bat era. The League switched to wood bats in 2001. His efforts were rewarded by the League, when he was selected All CRBL for the 7th time.

Ben Kincade led the team and league in hitting with a .510 batting average. 1st year player Josh Hallings was 2nd on the team with 3 home runs, and added a .346 batting average. Jimmy "Ball Game" Anderson led the team in 2b (8), and SB (8). He also chipped in with 16 RBI's, and a .349 ave., and was named All CRBL Honorable Mention.

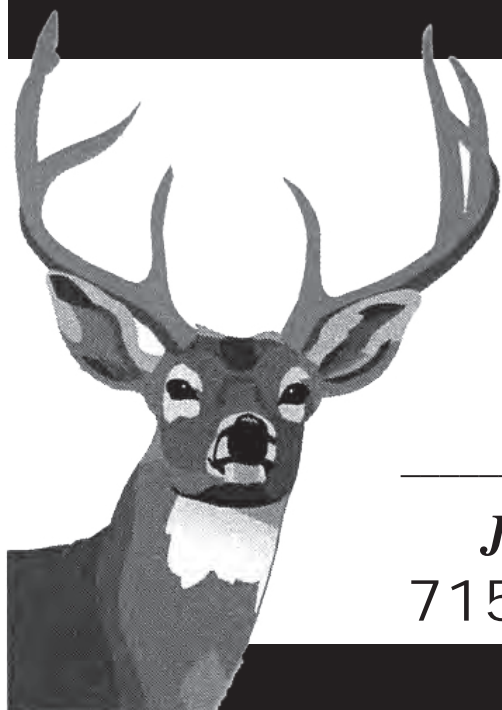
Brady Sand led the pitching staff and league in Innings Pitched (82.2), and wins with 9. He also finished 4th in the CRBL with 61 strike outs. Ben Kincade finished with 4 wins and 40 K's, allowing 5 earned runs in 30.1 innings pitched. His 1.15 ERA led the staff and was 3rd best in the CRBL.

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2017 EAU CLAIRE RIVERMEN



The Eau Claire Rivermen look forward to starting their place in CRBL history with a stable of many familiar names blended with the potential offered by several new faces.

Riding the wave off the mound will be the venerable righty Tyler Gray. Tgray's bionic right arm continues to amaze, as he logged 81.1 innings in CRBL play while punching out 79 hitters and winning 5 games for the 9 and 13 Chippewa Falls Lumberjacks in 2016. The remainder of the staff will be formed by big righties Travis Tomaszewski (3 and 2, 38 K's, 31.2 ip) and CRBL rookie Matt Jones, as well as cagey veterans Hans Soukup, Jeff Moessner, and Andy Niese.

Generating the hydropower from home plate for the 'Men will be longtime CRBLers Josh Briggs (.347 AVG., 25 H, 17 BB, .472 OBP) and Andy Niese (.413 AVG., 31 H, 10 RBI's, .483 OBP) along with welcomed returnees Travis Tomaszewski (.327 AVG., 11 RBI) and Jake Krier (21 H, 7 2B, 10 RBI). Providing stability to the line-up will be established vets such as Terry McCann, Tyler Gray, Zach Parr, and the return of utility man Sawyer Sturz.

Along with aforementioned newcomer Matt Jones, the Rivermen will also look to fellow rookie Dalton Hutton and former Hallie Eagle Matt Alley to give the navy blue and grey guys some needed punch in 2017.

Historically speaking, the Eau Claire Rivermen and the Eau Claire Cavaliers represent the 17th and 18th teams from the city of Eau Claire to have played in the CRBL, respectively.

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2017 OSSEO MERCHANTS

The 2017 Osseo Merchants hope to continue the success achieved in 2016, which saw the Merchants win their first ever CRBL League Championship and finish the season as the WBA State Tournament runner-up. The Merchants finished their 2016 season with a franchise best 19-3 CRBL league record. In 2017 the Merchants intend on beginning a transition to a new group of younger players, as the 2017 roster will consist of a mix of veteran players combined with a wave of fresh faces.

The Merchants pitching staff is expected to be the strength of the team once again. Veteran pitchers Jake Peterson (1-0, 28K, 0 ERA in 18 IP), Logan Boettcher (8-0, .35 ERA), Luke Eide (3-1, 3.29 ERA) and Sam Neville (6-2, 2.93 ERA) will anchor the rotation, with rookies Aaron Hagberg, Alex Myhers, and Cal Freitag expecting to contribute as well.

Offensively, the Merchants possess a balanced attack, led by veterans Ryan Freitag (.479, 9 2B, 3HR), Zach Slowiak (.365 BA) and Jesse Brockman (.301, 5 2B), along with returning CRBL Rookie of the Year, Nolan Matson (.422, 5 2B, 18 RBI). The Merchants are led by manager/DH Garrett Nix (.340 BA, 3 2B). Merchant Park in Osseo is also getting a long awaited addition in 2017, with the construction of a new covered grandstand. We hope everyone will stop down to Osseo to check out the ball park!



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2016 CRBL Team Pitching Statistics

Team	Earned Runs	Innings Pitched	Team ERA
Osseo Merchants	32	165.1	1.74
Whitehall Wolves	34	159	1.92
Eau Claire Bears	44	162	2.44
Beef River Bullfrogs	46	161.1	2.57
Tilden Tigers	63	176.2	3.21
Augusta Athletics	57	157.1	3.26
Jim Falls Sturgeons	84	167.1	4.52
Bloomer Fightin' Woodticks	84	163.2	4.62
Chippewa Falls Lumberjacks	86	164.2	4.70
Stanley Slammers	116	161.2	6.46
Cadott Red Sox	126	134.2	8.42
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2017 WHITEHALL WOLVES

The Whitehall Wolves made it to the WBA State Tournament for the first time last year. They lost in the semi-finals to eventual champion Sparta. The Wolves tied for second with the Eau Claire Bears in the southern division of the CRBL last year behind champion Osseo. The Wolves finished the season 18-4 in league play and 25-6 overall. The Wolves will once again rely on pitching and defense as their strength. The pitching staff will once again be led by the strong arms of our veterans Alex Byom, Scott Hovell, Sam Ferguson, Sawyer Bawek, Troy Sharpe and Collin Manley. Our younger pitchers like Zak Pronschinske, Payton Slaby, and Jon Ciemensi will need to prove that they can get good CRBL hitters out. They will need to do this again in the always tough Southern Division of the CRBL.

The defense behind these pitchers is led by our veteran shortstop Tyler Manley and third baseman Scott Hovell on the left side of the infield and our right side of the infield is led by Alex Petroski at second base. Nate Pronschinske provides the needed depth in the infield as he can play any position on the infield. The Wolves speedy outfield is led by centerfielder Drew Pronschinske. In right field we have the strong arm and speed of Trent VonDrasek that keeps many balls from dropping to the outfield grass. The always steady Brad Schank is in left field and he is extremely versatile and can play anywhere on the field. Sam Schweisthal and Cole Bawek will also provide depth in the outfield. Max Ferguson handles the catching duties and is a big part of holding down opposing team's running game. We are looking for upstart catcher Devin Zonick-Greenwold to get innings at this crucial spot also. You have to score runs to win titles as well and in the offensive department the Wolves are led by Scott Hovell, Tyler Manley, Drew Pronschinske, Max Ferguson, Trent Vondrasek, Nate Pronschinske, Sam Schweisthal, and Zak Pronschinske. The Wolves will be playing a tough 33 game schedule this year so all players on the roster will have opportunities to contribute.

The Whitehall Wolves would like to thank our sponsor Dave Pientok of Tri-City Sanitation, and the entire Whitehall community for their support of Wolves baseball. We would also like to thank Tom and Connie from Newcomb Valley Inn for hosting and supporting our annual fundraiser each year. A special thank you to Pehler Distributing, and Edge Graphics for donating to our uniforms this past year. Finally, we would like to thank Marty Little, Terry Taylor, and Butch Halama for the tremendous coverage of Wolves' baseball. These guys cover nearly every Wolves' game no matter where we play. We hope to see you at the park this summer for some exciting Chippewa River Baseball League games.



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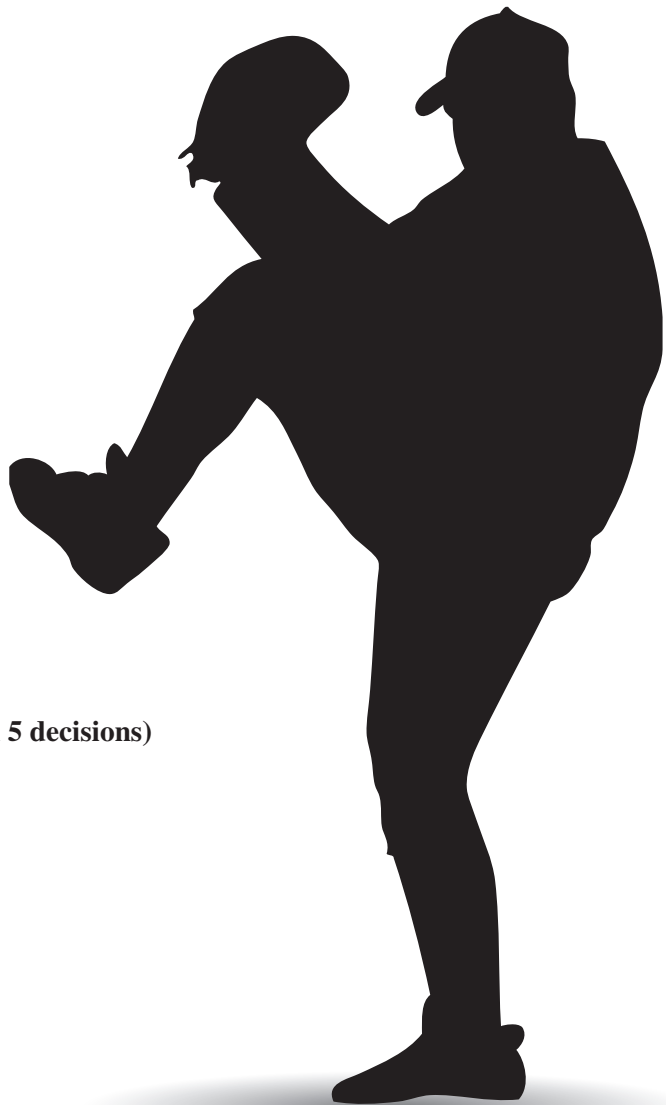
Pitcher – Team	IP	ER	ERA (min. 22 innings pitched)
Logan Boettcher – Os	52	2	0.35
Scott Hovell – Wh	26.2	2	0.68
Ben Kincade – BR	30.1	5	1.15
Alex Byom – Wh	52.2	7	1.20
Matt Nelson – JF	29.1	5	1.53
Nate Larson – Cad	23	4	1.57
Chevy Tollefson – EC	54	12	2.00
James Gilbertson – Aug	76.1	17	2.004
Ben King – Ti	35.2	9	2.27
Dylan Waters – JF	43.1	11	2.28

Pitcher – Team	IP
Brady Sand – BR	82.2
Tyler Gray – CF	81.1
James Gilbertson – Aug	76.1
Curtis Dachel – Bl	73.1
PJ LeQuia – Ti	63

Pitcher – Team	W
Brady Sand – BR	9
Logan Boettcher – Os	8
PJ LeQuia – Ti	7
Chevy Tollefson – EC	7
Six tied with	5

Pitcher – Team	Win % (minimum 5 decisions)
Logan Boettcher – Os	1.000 (W-8 L-0)
Ben King – Ti	1.000 (W-5 L-0)
Justin Ignarski – Ti	1.000 (W-5 L-0)
Sam Ferguson – Ti	1.000 (W-5 L-0)
Chevy Tollefson – EC	0.875 (W-7 L-1)

Pitcher – Team	Strikeouts
James Gilbertson – Aug	98
Tyler Gray – CF	79
Logan Boettcher – Os	67
Brady Sand – BR	61
Curtis Dachel – Bl	53



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