

## **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**

2017 - 11-5 (Playoff Qualifier)... 16-15 overall  
2016 - 13-3 (Division Winner, 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 (Division 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 (Division Winner)... 15-12 overall  
2008 - 8-6... 13-11 overall  
2007 - 12-3 (Playoff Qualifier)... 16-9 overall  
2006 - 14-2 (Division Winner, Section Finalist)... 22-7 overall  
2005 - 8-8 (Playoff Qualifier)... 12-14 overall  
2004 - 13-3 (Division Winner)... 15-12 overall  
2003 - 8-10... 9-19 overall  
2002 - 8-8 (Playoff Qualifier)... 8-9 overall  
2001 - 10-8

## **RECENT HOME TALENT LEAGUE ALL-STARS**

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**

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 MANAGER OF THE YEAR  
2016 - Matt Towns - PLAYOFF 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  
1981 - Wally Olstad - MANAGER OF THE YEAR  
1976 - Wally Olstad - MANAGER OF THE YEAR

## **RECENT SECTIONAL LEADING HITTERS**

2017 – Josh Eastman – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Southeast - .441  
    Tyler Oren – 7<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .389  
2016 – Tyler Oren – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Southeast - .448  
    Aaron Laskowski – 6<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .391  
2015 – Aaron Laskowski – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Southeast - .426  
    Kris Agnew – 4<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .415  
2014 – Aaron Laskowski – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Southeast - .458  
2012 – Aaron Laskowski – 5<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .408  
    Jesse Appel – 9<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .388  
2011 – Aaron Laskowski – CHAMPION – Southeast - .476  
    Jesse Appel – 6<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .444  
    Josh Eastman – 10<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .397  
2009 – Ethan Vaade – 5<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .365  
2007 – Ethan Vaade – 3<sup>rd</sup> – Southeast - .442  
    Max Cordio – 6<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .400  
2006 – Jesse Appel – 10<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .324  
2005 – Ethan Vaade – 6<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .377  
2004 – Jesse Appel – 8<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .339  
2002 – Kris Agnew – 5<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .400  
2001 – Adam Reiersen – 8<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .338  
1996 – Dick Spike – 7<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .384  
    Jim Eastman – 8<sup>th</sup> – Southeast - .370