

Worst of the Worst

Let's break down the worst of the worst. Every season since 2003 there have been some horrific, dreadful, and flat out terrible players that have played in the SWBL. This is a serious issue and/or disease (some may say) that is not only affecting the SWBL, but leagues across the Nation. Many of you might be surprised to see who made the list. This is purely stat based or I believe you just deserve the title "worst of the worst". Let's begin.

SWBL Season 1

*They played 12 games in season 1? What the hell. I didn't even know that.

Worst Pitcher: Kev Shippee? Or is it Ken Shippee?

-Check out his pitching stats. He has 2 flipping names on the website. Are they twins? We will never know. He had an okay year on the mound. Kev won 16.66% of the games he pitched. He did have 17 strikeouts which seems like a lot now but back then when 8th graders were playing it wasn't that great considering Sam Skibbe had 54...

Worst Hitter: Kevin Weitucher

-Sorry Kevin. If you find yourself and your hitting stats below many of the subs then you didn't have a good year at the plate. 5 home runs, 9 RBI's, 2 Doubles... And we have Kevin to LEAD a franchise in 2015? It will take a miracle to "shock the world" for Kevin and his gang in Season 13.

SWBL Season 2

Worst Pitcher: Sam Skibbe

-Shocker, I know. Considering this pitching powerhouse has 8 Cy Wiffles in 12 years this is hard to believe. Yes, he had Andrew Leicht on his team, (Spoiler: I will talk about him in a bit) but you can only blame yourself for going 1-7 on the mound. Well done brother, well done.

Worst Hitter: Andrew Leicht

-Andrew was Sam's teammate this season. They went 1-9 as a team. This season was almost Pirate/Giants/Expos like. As a team they had the least amount of runs scored which was 60. Andrew had 17 of those RBI's (least in the league). Didn't break double digits in home runs and batted .550 when there were only 2 fielders and no pitchers poison rule.... There was a glimmer of hope for the season when he and Sam both won gold glove. The glimmer didn't last long.

SWBL Season 3

*Wait a second. We played 12 games again this year?

Worst Pitcher: Peter Leicht

-Peter's team was 2-10 on the year and let up the most runs. Peter went 2-7. On the bright side he was responsible for 2 of the wins! He didn't break double digits in strikeouts while barely edging out his brother Andrew by 2. Andrew did pitch in 6 less games than his brother did... Maybe he learned from the slow floater that he threw this season. Nah, he still throws it today.

Worst Hitter: Andrew Leicht

-Maybe a light bulb needs to turn on for these Leichts. Are they cut out to play wiffleball? Can they hang with the rest of the league? Joking of course. Andrew played in 3 more games than Nic Meyer and had 33 more AB's than Nic and still had the least amount of HR's and RBI's. He did surprisingly (not really) not have the worst AVG. Kevin Weithuchter did who was the worst hitter just 2 seasons ago.

SWBL Season 4

Worst Pitcher: Chris Martin

-This was a difficult choice because this year was pretty even. There were 3 teams at 5-5, but Chris and Peter did go 2-8. Newbie Chris Martin got a taste of the talent the SWBL has. Or maybe he just wasn't a good pitcher. We will never know.

Worst Hitter: Corey Griffin (Close 2nd: Andrew Leicht)

-Corey Griffin everyone. He had a great attitude and respect for wiffleball. Is wiffleball for him? Possibly not. But he loved the game. His rookie season was one to never look back on, but luckily there is myself to look back on it for him. He happened to be in the bottom 3 for each offensive category besides AVG. which shockingly he had the 5th worst AVG. in the league.

SWBL Season 5

Worst Pitcher: Kevin Wietuchter

-No chance for Kevin this season. 0-4 on the mound. Only 3, yes 3 strikeouts. He was with ANDY OLDENBURG on a team and they were pre-ranked FIRST. WHAT?! Might as well throw Andy's stats in there too, because Andy was 1-5 on the mound. Not a good season for these two.

Worst Hitter: Corey Griffin (Close 2nd: Andrew Leicht)

-See Season 4 worst hitter.

SWBL Season 6

*Three-man era had BEGUN

Worst Pitcher: Jeff Bertram

-Jeff had a knack for hitting considering he has 2 MVP's under his belt, but pitching was a different story. He led his team while he was pitching to a 1-5 record while giving up the most walks in the league.

Worst Hitter: Corey Griffin

-I literally LOL'ed after looking at his stats this season. It is noted that he only played in 2 games this season. You are probably asking, "Why did you have him as worst hitter in the league then Gus?" Let me tell you. 0 home runs, 0 RBI's, .241 AVG., 3 hits, 14 AB's, 3 singles. TWO GAMES.

SWBL Season 7

*Old Balls can take a sigh of relief with this season...

Worst Pitcher: Scott Pohle

-Cy Wiffle of Season 9 was Cy Loser of Season 7. With a record of 1-7, and setting the record for most walks given in a season, this is a year to forget for the 3-time champion. Maybe the knuckleball.. *cough*cough* straight ball wasn't effective this year.

Worst Hitter: Matt Boeding

-8 games played. 4 HR's. 14 RBI's. .327 AVG. Wait.... .327 AVG.? That's a great MLB average! Go Matt go! This could be the worst performance we have ever seen at the plate during any season.

SWBL Season 8

Worst Pitcher: Kyle Cornell

-This is a tough choice. The Spencer Bogad rule came into effect after this season, Scott re-set the record for most walks given with 19 (closest to that was 7), but Kyle Cornell deserved the crown this year. I've played with Mike Derstine before so I know how Kyle feels about those 5 losses. I have also made the playoffs with Derstine before and Kyle did not this year. Put the team on yo back dude and win some games.

Worst Hitter: Michael Derstine

-This dude has heart. Anyone that knows Mikey D. can vouch for me. He loves wiffleball. He sucks at wiffleball. He can't even throw a wiffleball more than 20 feet. But I love the dude. Does he have a more natural lefty swing or righty swing? I don't even think he knows.

SWBL Season 9

Worst Pitcher: Bottom Half of W-L Records Sheet

-This was a difficult season to choose worst pitcher. Not one person stood out in my mind. This was also the year of lots of hitting, no old balls, and cicadas. All pitchers were getting rocked. There were more walks than strikeouts. I guess I will just choose Edloe for worst pitcher. He is easy to pick on.

Worst Hitter: Michael Derstine

-See SWBL Season 8 Worst Hitter. 0 HR's in 8 games is all you need to know.

SWBL Season 10

*Franchise Era begins which means the Rays dynasty begins #ScrewTheRays

Worst Pitcher: Grant Steward

-As part of the first 0-10 season in SWBL history, Grant gave his fair share of floaters to go 0-5 on the mound. Not to mention giving up the 2nd most walks of 18.

Worst Hitter: Tony Fiorello

-Tony only played one year in the SWBL. This was a good choice by captain Sam Skibbe to only have him for one season. His batting average was one of the worst we have ever seen in the league at .333. Could it have been better if the Cardinals only played with 2 each game? Maybe.

SWBL Season 11

Worst Pitcher: Will Rath

-I would have said Chris Meador because his only pitch sucks. But, somehow no one could hit it and he ends up going 4-0. I would have to say fellow Royals teammate Will Rath. Going 0-5 as our proclaimed ace and missing out on the playoffs by one game is stinging.

Worst Hitter: Cam Branson

-The Giants are the new Pirates. Cam led the league in hitting strikeouts with 16!! The closest person to him only had 9. But this dude can beat box. Props to him.

SWBL Season 12

Worst Pitcher: Pirates Team

-They had the most runs scored against them. They went 0-10.

Worst Hitter: Pirates Team

-They had the least runs scored. They went 0-10.

See you all in just a few months for SWBL season 13!

Gus

*** This article was written to not be offensive but to poke good fun at the players in the league. I am harmless, skinny, and can't fight.