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## Hill, Pavlikis Leading Batters in Senior Loop

Dave Hill of Gordon and Anderson and Nick Pavlikis of Commercials lead the real batting strength of the Prince Rupert Senior Baseball League, with both of them hitting in the "four hundred" bracket.

Although three teams have batters with 500 averages, none of them have played in more than three games. In this bracket are Syd Scherk of G & A, Deneau of Terrace and Dick Letourneau of Esquires.

Hill tops the hitters with a .429 average, but does not appear in the statistical column as such a dangerous hitter as Pavlikis, whose .400 average represents more times at bat, less strikeouts, fewer walks and more total bases, attained.

Terrace's Paul Paulsen has the league's most home runs with two.

Brightest star in the rookie field is Esquire catcher Ray McKay who has played in the most games, been at bat most, got the most hits, scored the most runs and whose .342 average stands seventh in the league leaders.

Bill Gunn of Commercials and Enridge of G & A are tied at eight for the lead in runs batted in.

Basketballer Ray Spring of Esquires has proven the fastest man on the base paths, an leads in stolen bases with seven.

The statistical record of hitting averages includes games up to June 6, but does not include the first game played in Terrace, May 9, the box score of which has not been made available to the official scorer.

## Keegan Chalks Up Ninth Win As Chisox Overcome A's 9-4

By BEN PHLEGAR  
Associated Press Sports Writer

After being mired in the minors for seven years with an aching arm, Bob Keegan, 32, leads the American League in victories today because manager Paul Richards told him to get his arm sore in January instead of June.

The big right-hander from Rochester, N.Y., is the brightest new star of the first place Chicago White Sox. He won his ninth game Wednesday night, 9-4, over Philadelphia. He's been beaten only once.

Keegan, a sinker ball artist, came up with a sore arm last year and had to go on the disabled list for 30 days. Last winter Richards ordered Keegan to go to work it, the gym. He was

fit and ready when the season opened.

He has started 11 games, finished nine of them and has a one earned run average of 2.27 in 99 innings.

The triumph in Philadelphia, which included home runs by John Groth, Chico Carrasquel and Sherm Lollar, enabled Chicago to hold its one-game lead over the Cleveland Indians who shaded Washington 1-0. New York defeated Detroit 5-1. Boston beat Baltimore 7-6.

The surprising New York Giants drove into a tie with Brooklyn for first place in the National League as Johnny Antonelli registered his second straight shutout in beating Milwaukee 4-0 while St. Louis tripped a pair from Chicago 4-0 and 14-6. Cincinnati edged Pittsburgh 4-3 on four home runs.

The Giants jumped off to a 1-0 lead against Warren Spahn in the first inning, added a second tally on Antonelli's run-scoring single in the eighth and two more on three singles and a sacrifice fly in the ninth.

Al Dark collected 4 of the 11 New York hits, a pair of singles and a pair of doubles.

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## Rupert District Baseball Senior Batting Averages

GORDON & ANDERSON													
Name	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	Ptc.	
S. Scherk	2	8	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	1	5	.500	
D. Hill	7	28	7	12	2	0	0	1	5	5	4	.429	
R. Enridge	7	26	4	9	4	0	1	2	3	2	8	.346	
D. Scherk	7	30	8	8	2	0	0	1	2	3	4	.266	
B. Sundberg	7	29	5	7	3	1	0	2	3	4	6	.241	
S. P-trow	7	26	7	6	1	0	1	2	3	2	6	.230	
C. P-trow	4	14	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	.214	
F. Christensen	6	21	5	3	0	0	0	5	5	0	1	.147	
L. Dunbar	6	22	3	3	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	.136	
D. Hartwig	7	31	7	4	0	0	0	8	3	1	1	.129	
D. Young	2	9	1	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	.111	
W. Morrison	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.000	

TERRACE													
Name	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	Ptc.	
Deneau	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	.500	
Williams	6	20	0	7	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	.350	
Shaltee	7	23	6	8	2	3	0	0	7	4	0	.348	
Mathews	7	21	5	7	0	1	1	2	0	0	6	.333	
Fisher	2	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	.333	
Patterson	3	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	.333	
Strasdin	6	17	1	5	1	0	0	2	2	1	3	.294	
Hill	7	28	8	8	1	2	0	5	2	1	1	.286	
P. Paulsen	6	23	4	6	1	0	2	3	0	0	4	.261	
Farley	6	22	3	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.227	
Burton	7	23	4	5	0	0	0	6	4	2	2	.217	
G. Paulsen	7	28	3	6	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	.212	
Gillanders	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	.000	
Robinson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	.000	
Wilydo	3	5	1	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	.000	

ESQUIRES													
Name	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	Ptc.	
D. Letourneau	3	6	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	.500	
A. Marshall	5	14	6	5	0	0	0	2	4	2	1	.352	
R. McKay	10	39	13	13	3	0	0	4	3	4	5	.342	
J. Giordano	8	31	6	10	2	2	1	5	3	4	5	.322	
M. Sedgewick	6	21	3	6	1	2	0	3	1	0	4	.286	
K. Hill	4	11	2	3	0	0	0	3	3	2	2	.273	
J. Sharpe	6	15	3	4	1	0	0	10	2	0	2	.266	
D. Hawryluk	7	17	2	4	0	0	0	2	4	3	2	.235	
B. Windle	6	9	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	.222	
G. Mundie	6	23	3	5	0	0	0	6	2	1	3	.218	
P. Polirer	3	11	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	.182	
R. Spring	7	24	5	4	0	0	0	11	3	7	2	.167	
W. Donaldson	3	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.167	
D. Bill	7	22	3	3	1	1	0	10	2	0	3	.136	
C. Teichman	5	14	0	1	0	0	0	6	2	1	1	.071	
C. Pachal	3	9	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	.000	
McGregor	4	9	1	0	0	0	0	8	3	0	0	.000	
W. Douhanuk	5	14	1	0	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	.000	
B. Williamson	3	7	2	0	0	0	0	5	3	1	0	.000	

COMMERCIALS													
Name	G	AB	R	H	2b	3b	HR	SO	BB	SB	RBI	Ptc.	
N. Pavlikis	8	30	7	12	3	1	0	0	1	5	4	.400	
B. Simundson	5	17	5	6	0	0	0	4	1	2	3	.352	
T. Naka	8	27	8	9	1	1	0	3	8	3	4	.333	
B. Gunn	6	26	5	8	1	1	0	0	1	0	8	.307	
J. Flewin	6	18	4	5	1	0	0	5	1	0	1	.278	
G. Cameron	8	24	4	6	0	0	0	11	2	3	1	.250	
M. Simundson	7	27	4	6	0	0	0	10	1	0	1	.222	
H. Morgan	7	23	3	4	0	0	0	1	4	1	1	.173	
M. Scott	2	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.143	
R. Nickerson	5	17	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	2	.118	
C. Dahl	8	27	0	3	1	1	0	1	7	0	2	.111	
Young	3	4	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	.000	
J. Lindsay	2	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000	
D. Kidd	3	9	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	.000	

## Abel Denies He Urged WIL End

By The Canadian Press

Robert B. Abel, Western International League president, denied today reports that he had asked members to disband or reorganize into a smaller circuit.

He admitted that the league's financial situation was serious, but pointed out that it was not in his power as president to call for the disbanding of the league.

Directors of the Salem club said they had received a telegram Wednesday from Abel saying:

"Before situation becomes hopeless I accept my responsibility under the bylaws of the league and declare the league as a whole facing insolvency and direct that it cease to operate as of June 14, 1954."

"This is subject to directors' action at the Spokane meeting, at which time they can approve, disapprove or reorganize the league in any manner they see fit."

In denying the Salem report, Abel said his responsibility is to direct the owners' attention to a very serious financial situation which confronts the league.

Newspapers in Salem, Portland and Spokane quoted reliable sources as saying the league would have to fold or cut the number of teams.

All said the sprawling-out league, with four teams in Canada and six in the U.S., was facing heavy travel costs and

attendance has been poor.

The Oregonian in Portland speculated that the league might be cut to eight or six teams. Among possibilities mentioned was that Calgary and Edmonton, or Vancouver and Victoria, would be dropped.

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