



2021-22 Home Run King Bob Wicks  
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Softball Season Stats for Dummies  
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For the first time in several years, there were no new individual batting records set during the 2021-2022 softball season, at least that we know of. We track only “traditional or standard statistics,” not the new advanced metrics. Maybe somebody set a record for one of those metrics, but we’ll never know! Look up the definitions for BABIP, OPS+, WRAA, WPA and WAR and you’ll have a headache trying to decipher what they mean and how to calculate them.

Here's a run down of the “stats for dummies.” The numbers are for the regular seasons only and exclude tournaments. Leaders are listed separately for the Lakes and Sun divisions with the Lakes’ leaders shown first.

At Bats: Wayne Newman (305) and Randy Neumann (375), both below Tom Erpelding's 2017-18 record of 394.

Times On Base: Tim Loeffler (211) and Randy Neumann (262), just short of Erpelding's 2017-18 record of 269.

Walks: Tim Loeffler (35) and Randy Neumann (39), six below Randy's own 2020-21 record of 45.

Singles: Wayne Newman (161) and Dave Martin (172), again just short of Erpelding's 2017-18 mark of 177.

Doubles: Tim Loeffler (39) and Mike Lebet (42), both far below Larry Kaufmann's 2015-16 record 50.

Triples: Joe Commisto & John Robinson (both 8) and Kelly Anderson & Dave Martin (both with 5), far below Bill Stanick's 2016-17 record of 20.

Home Runs: Brian Brockman (29) and Bob Wicks (44), both well below Bobby Farmer's record of 56 set just last year.

Sacrifice Flies: Doug Warwick (7) and Randy Neumann (13), well below Kim Whitney's 18, also set last year.

Batting Average: Tom Lorgan (.766) and Marty Hobby (.823). The all-time record of .873 was set by Reyes Gonzales in 2016-17.

Slugging Percentage, a stat measuring average and power-hitting: Brian Brockman (1.082) and Marty Hobby (1.498). Reyes Gonzales holds that record, too, slugging 1.634 in 2019-20.

There you have it. No new records, but lots of stats that we dummies can understand!

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