

MILLER LEADS CLUB IN 2011 WITH .844 BATTING AVERAGE, HIGHEST IN PAST SIX YEARS FOR ALL GSSCS LEAGUES

Monte Miller hit .844 to lead all Golden Seniors in batting during 2011 and in the process registered the highest GSSCS average over the past six years. In League 5 (Thursday nights), Miller was 65 for 77 as his average topped the .833 of Emilio Lobato in L-3 during the 2010 season. (Scorekeepers have kept batting statistics since 2006.)

Miller was one only three players to break the .800 mark in 2011: Shawn Rogers hit .818 in L-5, and Lobato paced L-4 with an .809 mark.

It was the third season that Miller has hit .800 or better (he also hit .800 in 2007 and .826 in 2008). No other player has done this more than twice, with Lobato joining Rich Edwards and Don Jackson as two-timers.

Just 13 players have hit at least .800 in the past six years for a combined total of 18 times. Other .800 hitters since 2006, according to statistics maintained by scorekeepers Colette Barnes and Sandy Begg: John Lack (.818 in L-2 in 2007), Bob Del Chiaro (.817 in L-4 in 2007, Dave Vargo (.800 in L-2, 2008), and Rich Ganas, .800 in L-5, 2009.

Doug Peterson hit .828 in L-6 (2009), which was bested by Bill Christian's .829 in 2008. Besides Lobato in 2010, four others were in the .800 club that season: Dale Stykel (.809 in L-7), Jack Wabinga (.808 in L-3), Edwards (.805 in L-2) and Jackson (.800 in L-5).

(Note: L-1 does not maintained individual statistics.)

The club's top home run hitter in 2011 was Bill Greene (8 in L-6), while Joe Cors had 7 in L-2 and Jeff Massengale had 7 in L-5. Note: Extra-base hits were not counted in L-3 and L-5 while the scorekeeper was seriously ill for some games in July. The club-wide season high for homers in one league is 10, established by A.J. Petruzzi of L-6 in 2007, when Bobby Flink had nine in L-2. Monta Litle and Rich Ganas hold the record for L-5 homers with nine, in 2007 and 2008, respectively, and Litle also holds the L-4 mark, nine, in 2007.

Greene had at least 13 homers in 2011 -- 8 in L-6, 3 in L-4, and one each in L-3 and L-5. The club record for multi-league homers in one year is 18, set by Monta Litle for two leagues in 2007.

The club's top RBI man in 2011 appears to be Demontro Davis, who had 61 in L-5, only four fewer than Monte Miller's club record set in 2009 in L-4. It is not known how many RBI Davis had in July games when the statistic was not recorded.

League-by-league leaders 2006-2011 (club leaders in bold face):

L-2 -- Batting Average: .818 John Lack, 2007; .817 Rich Edwards, 2009; .805 Edwards, 2010; .800 Dave Vargo, 2008; .793 Don Bess, 2011. Base Hits: 60 Merv Mill, 2007; 56 Vic Torres, 2008. HR: 9 Bob Flink, 2007; 7 Joe Cors, 2011; 5 Bill Nevis, 2009. Dave Vargo, Vidal Franco, Ron Peck, all 2007. RBI: 47 Joe Saiz, 2007; 44 Larry Davis, 2011; 41 Don Bess, 2011; 40 Flink and Torres, 2007; Cors and Jerry Horton 2011.

L-3 -- Batting Average: .833 Emilio Lobato, 2010; .808 Jack Wabinga, 2010; .795 Norm Blackwell Jr., 2009; .754, Lobato, 2011. Base Hits: 58 Blackwell, 2009; 57 Wayne Yamamura, 2006. HR: 8 Barry Mortimeyer, 2007; 5 Rich Del Chiaro, 2006; A.J. Petruzzi, 2007; Dave Vargo, 2006; Emilio Lobato, 2009; Jack Wabinga, 2009. RBI: 60 Steve Casarez, 2010; 58 Steve Schuler, 2011; 55 M.R. Evans, 2006; 51 Mortimeyer, 2007.

L-4 -- Batting Average: .829 Bill Christian, 2008; .826 Monte Miller, 2008; .817 Bob Del Chiaro, 2007; .812 Don Jackson, 2009; .809 Lobato, 2011. Base Hits: **66 Allen Riker, 2009**; 63 Christian, 2008; 60 Emilio Lobato and Bill Greene, 2010. HR: 9 Monta Litle, 2007; 8 Lobato, 2007; 6 David Raydon, 2010; 5 Lobato, 2010; 5 Lobato and Dave Raydon, 2011. **RBI: 64 Monte Miller, 2009**; 59 Miller, 2008.

L-5 -- Batting Average: **.844 Monte Miller, 2011**; .818 Shawn Rogers, 2011; .800 Don Jackson, 2010; .800 Rich Ganas, 2009; .779 Bob Del Chiaro, 2008; .761 Mike Swanson, 2011; .760, George Lamb, 2011. Base Hits: **66 Allen Riker, 2010**; 65 Monte Miller, 2011; 64 Larry Lagomarsino, 2010; 59 George Lamb, 2006, Riker, 2006, Dave Vargo, 2006. HR: 9 Monta Litle 2007; 9 Rich Ganas, 2008; 7 Gary Holmes, 2010, and Jeff Massengale, 2011*. RBI: 61 Demontro Davis, 2011*; 60 Monta Litle, 2006; 55 Rich Ganas, 2007. *Several games of RBI and extra-base stats missing from July when scorekeeper was ill.

L-6 -- Batting Average: .828 Doug Peterson, 2009; .789 Rich Edwards, 2011; .784 Bob Cummings, 2007; .755 Peterson, 2010. Base Hits: 58 Dave Vargo, 2008; 55 Peterson, 2008; 55 Bob Fenton, 2009. **HR: 10 A.J. Petruzzi, 2007**; 8 Bill Greene, 2011; 5 Bob Cummings, 2007. RBI: 53 Peterson and Vargo, 2008. (Note: L-6 began in 2007 for players 60 and older.)

L-7 -- Batting Average: .809 Dale Stykel, 2010; .749 Jim Stinson, 2009; .742 Henry Low, 2009; Base Hits: 56 Stinson, 2009; 49 Don Wall, 2009. HR: 2 Low, 2009. RBI: 33 Low, 2009; 30 John Figlar, 2009. (Note: L-7 began in 2009 for players 70 or older. It was not held in 2011.)

League Leaders for 2011:

L-2 -- Batting Average: Don Bess .793, Russ Barnes .753, Dave Avery .745. Hits: Barnes 55, Larry Davis 50, Jerry Horton 49. RBI: Larry Davis 44, Bess 41, Joe Cors and Jerry Horton 40. Home Runs: Cors 7, Larry Davis and Bess 4.

L-3 -- Emilio Lobato .754, Al Raydon .746, Jim Powell .736. Hits: Bill Greene 62, Powell and Al Raydon 53. RBI: Steve Schuler 58, Bill McMahon 44, Bill Greene 43. HR: M.R. Evans 4, Lobato, Schuler and Rich Casarez 3.

L-4 -- Emilio Lobato .809, Dennis Garrett .778, Dick Reisinger Jr. .746. Hits: Garrett 56, Lobato 55, Bill Christian 53. RBI: Lobato 46, Reisinger 45, Terry Urban 40. HR: Lobato and Dave Raydon, 5; Steve Smith, Doug Gedestad, Bill McMahon and Dan Gunsalus 4; Hal Johnson and Bill Greene 3.

L-5 -- **Monte Miller .844**, Shawn Rogers .818, Mike Swanson .761. Hits: Miller 65, Darrel Watson 64, Emilio Lobato 62. RBI: Demontro Davis 61, Markus Kirkland 57. Bill Conwell 52. HR: Jeff Massengale 7, Markus Kirkland and Lyman Rose 6; Rich Ganas, Armando Hidalgo and Gary Holmes 4.

L-6 -- Rich Edwards .789, Dave Bristol .778, Doug Peterson .765. Hits: Edwards 56, Peterson 52, Chuck Knutson and Arnold Bray 51. RBI: Bill Greene 51, Peterson 49, Bill McMahon 39. HR: Bill Greene 8, Don Bess 5, Joe Cors and Bob Jones 4.

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