

November 5,6 1941 Madura Champ

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Elmira veteran third baseman Frank Madura (right) is officially named the Eastern League's batting champion for the 1941 season in final statistics released by the league office ... Madura's .321 average is the lowest batting mark to win the title in the 19-year history of the league and edges out Williamsport third baseman Don Richmond by three points for the batting crown.

Enlisting in the Army before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Madura joins the Army and is wounded in Belgium on January 22, 1945 ... discharged from the military, Madura announces his retirement from baseball on April 11, 1946.



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After losing shortstop Eddie Pellagrini to the Boston Red Sox, the Pacific Coast League's San Diego Padres purchase shortstop Sal Madrid and pitcher Charles Eisenmann from Yakima of the Western International League ... within weeks of his purchase, Madrid enlists in the Army forcing the Padres to acquire Joe Gedzius coming off a .301 season with the Spokane Indians ... unfortunately for the Padres, Gedzius is drafted into the military so San Diego continues its quest to replace Pellagrini by signing Jack Calvey a player/manager with the Salina Millers of the Western Association.

Ultimately Calvey fills the hole left by the departing Pellagrini, hitting .281 for the Padres in 1942 and is the team's starting shortstop for the next three seasons.