

# SUTTON BRAVES BASEBALL CLUB



**PROGRAMME**

**20p**



## BASEBALL – “THE GAME”

Played between two teams of nine on-field players. Substitutes are allowed in every position.

### Duration:

Nine innings per side, with three outs per inning. At the end of each inning the batting team fields and vice versa – the team scoring most runs is the winner.

A batter is out when he:

1. Misses three pitched balls – ‘strikes’.
2. Hits a ‘fly ball’ that is caught by a fielder.
3. Hits a ‘fair ball’ but fails to reach 1st base before the fielder has possession of the ball with part of his person on 1st base.
4. Is ‘tagged’ by fielder with the ball before he reaches a base.

### Batting Order:

Each batsman takes his turn to bat in strict rotation throughout the game.

### Strike:

A legally pitched ball crossing the ‘home plate’ between the batters ampits and knees – ‘the strike zone’. Each batter is allowed to survive two strikes, he is out if he misses the third.

### Ball:

A pitched ball that is outside of the ‘strike zone’, not struck at by the batter four such ‘balls’ and the batter is allowed to go to first base (he becomes a base-runner). ‘A ball’ struck at becomes a ‘strike’.

### Hit:

A pitched ball hit by a batter into ‘fair territory’. The batter is forced to run on hit.

### Fly Ball:

A hit that goes in the air. If the ball is caught whether fair or foul the batter is out.

### Foul Ball:

A hit fly ball that lands outside of the fair territory – the first two foul balls count against the batter (strikes) No base runner is allowed to advance on a foul ball unless the ‘fly’ is caught – it then becomes a fair ball and the batter is out.

### Run:

Is scored when a batter/base runner safely completes the circuit of ‘the diamond’ touching each base in correct order – 1st, 2nd, 3rd base and home plate.

### Home Run

Complete circuit of bases by the batter off one fair hit.

### Area of Play (fair territory):

Fair territory is within the boundaries (foul lines) and forward of the ‘home plate’ through 1st and 3rd bases to the extremities of the ground.

### The Infield:

An imaginary arc within ‘fair territory’ slightly to the rear and forward of the infielders (1st base, 2nd base, shortstop, 3rd base.)

### The Outfield:

The remainder of ‘fair territory’ to the extremities of the playing area.

### The Diamond:

The area within the bounds of the bases. Distance between bases is 90 feet.

### The Home Plate:

Made of white rubber



### Pitching Distance:

60ft 6in.

### Size of Bases:

15 in. square 4 to 5 in. deep

### The Ball:

Leather bound, weight 5 to 5¼ oz, circumference 9 to 9¼ in, stitching shape as the lines on a tennis ball.

### The Bat:

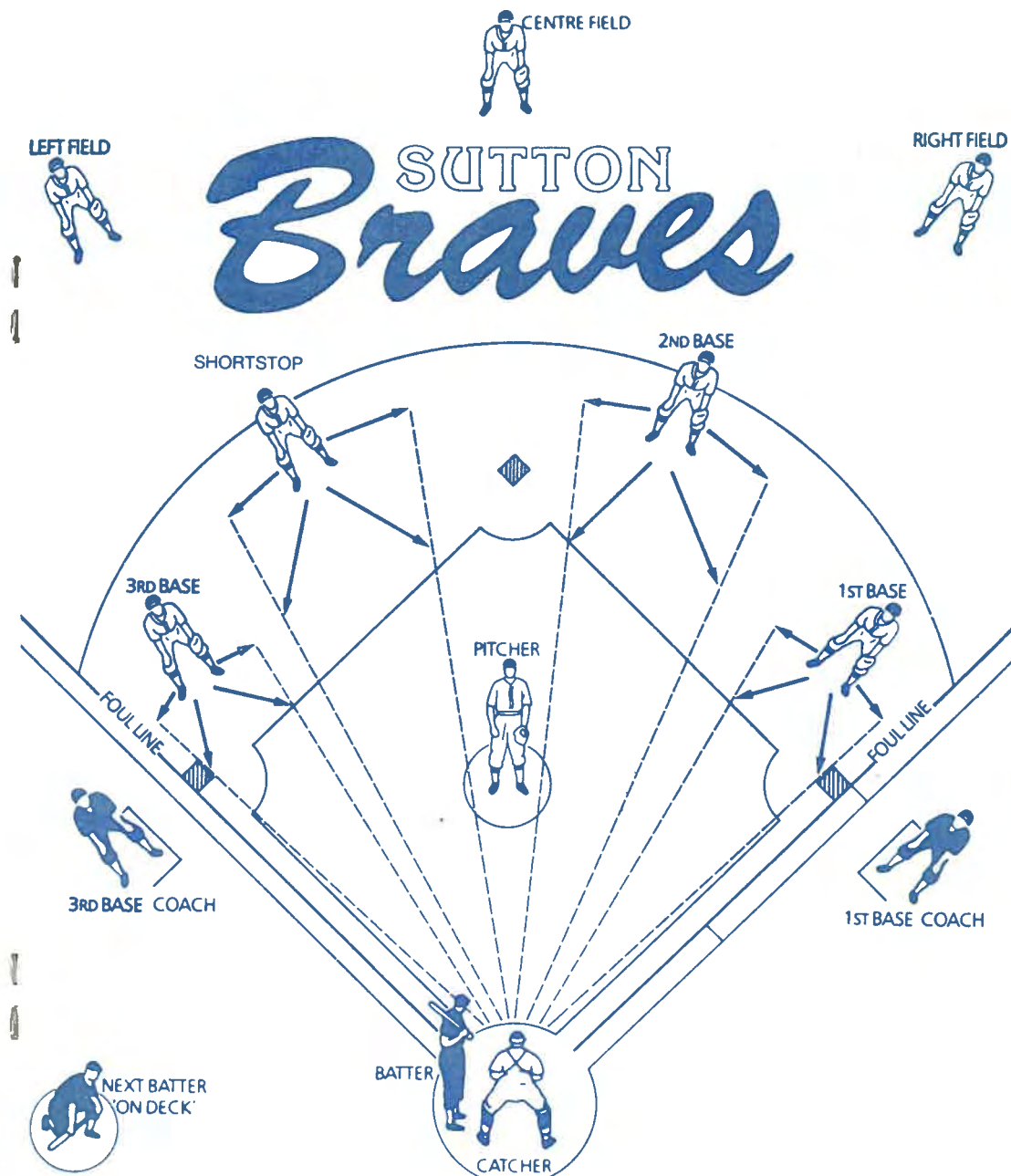
One piece smooth round timber (Ash) or stressed aluminium. Length – not more than 42” and maximum diameter 2¾”.

### Gloves:

The catcher wears a fingerless leather mitt. All other players wear a leather glove (1st baseman sometimes wears a special mitt).

### Umpires:

Home Plate Umpire – calls ‘pitch’ & ‘home plate’ decisions.  
Field Umpires – call ‘base’ and ‘field’ decisions.



# 1984 PLAYER AWARDS

Most Valuable Player  
Most Improved Player  
Batting  
Slugging  
Fielding  
Pitching  
Runs Batted In  
Home Runs

Alan Bloomfield  
Chris Bryant  
Hugh Neffendorf  
Alan Bloomfield  
Rick D'Alesandro  
Not Awarded  
Not Awarded  
Not Awarded

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## 1985 SEBA FIRST DIVISION

**Barnes Barnstormers**  
Jim Clarke  
01-876 7384

**London Warriors**  
Alan Smith  
01-278 8706

**Cobham Yankees**  
Dave Brown  
Esher 62203

**Rochester Dodgers**  
Graham Neale  
0634-722048

**Crawley Giants**  
Dave Smith  
Horsham 61038

**Sutton Braves**  
Hugh Neffendorf  
Weybridge 47527

**Croydon Bluejays**  
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# **Sec's Corner**

**Sunday 12 May at 3.00 pm**

## **SUTTON BRAVES VS ROCHESTER CITY DODGERS**

Welcome to Sutton Braves' 1985 Baseball Season. The Braves, who were formed in 1962, play in the Southern England Baseball Association's First Division and look forward to improving on last year's campaign when we finished in fourth place.

Our multi-national roster of 17 players hopes to have the ability and depth to make a serious assault on the league title this year, and we hope you will continue to support and encourage the team throughout all of its home fixtures at Rosehill Park and its away games too.

We look forward to an enjoyable and successful 1985 season.

Rick D'Alesandro  
Secretary

### *Our Visitors*

#### **Rochester City Dodgers**

Today's opponents are newly promoted Rochester City Dodgers from Kent; a very sociable side who have practically an all English membership and can boast one of the finest Baseball facilities in the league. Previous encounters have tended to favour the Braves, but the Dodgers inflicted Sutton's only defeat in our promotion season of 1983, so we will be looking to avenge that slip up in today's game.



# Schedule

Date		Opponents	Results
28 April	a	Barnes Barnstormers	W 16 - 1
5 May	a	London Warriors	
12 May	H	ROCHESTER DODGERS	
19 May	a	Croydon Bluejays	
26 May	H	COBHAM YANKEES	
2 June	a	US Navy Seahawks	
9 June	H	CRAWLEY GIANTS	
16 June	a	Rochester Dodgers	
23 June	H	CROYDON BLUEJAYS	
30 June	H	BARNES BARNSTORMERS	
7 July	H	LONDON WARRIORS	
14 July	a	Crawley Giants	
21 July	-	—	
28 July	H	US NAVY SEAHAWKS	
4 August	a	Cobham Yankees	
1st September	a	BABSF Semi-Final (Nottingham)	
15 September	a	BABSF Final (Liverpool)	

*Games are on Sundays at 3.00 pm.*