

CRAWLEY *Giants* **BASEBALL CLUB**

***Annual Invitational Tournament
19th/20th July 1986***



Official Programme

25p

Welcome!

Welcome to Southgate Playing Field, the home of the Crawley Giants.

Despite its mundane name it is a lot more than just a playing field. In fact it is a mini sports complex concentrated in a comparatively small area. Among the official sports played here apart from baseball and womens softball are cricket, football, bowls and tennis. And a darts league thrives among the regulars of the Greenkeepers bar and restaurant.

For kids and mums who may want to get away from sport for a bit - yes even baseball - there is a childrens' play area with swings, a slide, roundabout and a shallow paddling pool.

Besides full changing room, showers and toilet facilities for the players there are public toilets and washrooms on the lower level behind the Greenkeepers adjoining the bowling greens.

In addition to the bar and

CALLING ALL POTENTIAL PLAYERS

If anyone among the tournament spectators fancies trying baseball, or those who have had experience want to get back into the sport, please approach any Crawley Giants player for further information.

restaurant which has available alcoholic and soft drinks, snacks and full meals there is a kiosk selling hot and cold drinks, snacks, beef burgers etc.

Now in its eighth year, the Crawley tournament has grown into what is generally acknowledged to be one of the major events of the domestic baseball season.

Some of the country's best players can be seen performing over a very busy week-end - weather permitting.

What ever happens this year there will be new winners. Unfortunately both last year's tournament finalists - the London Warriors and the United States Navy Seahawks have been disbanded and will not be in contention.

It is like the end of an era without the Warriors who had won five of the last six Crawley Tournaments. The one year they missed out was when a very strong all-star team came over from Holland proving what a truly international affair the Crawley Tournament has become.

Providing the rain does not spoil things the tournament format will be the same as in recent years. The six competing teams will be split into two divisions of three teams, playing each other on a league basis on the first day.

On Sunday the two third place sides in each division will play-off for fifth and sixth places overall and so on until the final game to determine the 1986 tournament champions between the two division winners. This will be at 3pm on Sunday afternoon.

About your hosts...



L to R (standing) Ralph Russell, Steve Chinn, Keith Eden, Neil Vanstone (manager), John Gray. (Front row) Dave Smith, Rick Soan, Nigel Parker, Dominic Langley, Roger Bonnici. Not pictured are Eelco Wiersma, Alan Ropke, Rick Howes, Alf Noda, Kevin Hills and Roger Soan.

The new town of Crawley was conceived and started nearly forty years ago. Before that it was virtually a sleepy village half-way between London and Brighton. It had once been a stop for stage coaches and had very little else going for it.

Then came the building boom to help house those made homeless through the war and Crawley mushroomed. Baseball arrived with the new town.

Originally the Crawley team was a factory side of an American drug company (The Beechams Magpies) which moved onto the industrial estate, the baseball pitch was inside the factory grounds.

Then the teams that were the forerunners of the present day Giants moved away from the factory and played on more public pitches eventually arriving at the name Crawley Giants and basing themselves at Southgate.

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Tournament teams '86

BARNES BARNSTORMERS

Matt Abbott	Pitcher	Chris Johnson	Outfield
Colin Acus	Outfield	Glen Libby	Outfield
Jim Briscoe	Outfield	Muir Mackean	Infield
Ben Godfrey	Infield	Sean Mackean	Infield
Dan Godfrey	Infield	Dave McGrane	Infield
Hugo Godfrey	Outfield	Martin Schiller	Outfield
Jason Godfrey	Outfield		

COBHAM YANKEES

John Benensky	Catcher	Ken Kocher	Infield
Mark Bistline	Infield	Halsey Minor	Infield
Ed Buckingham	Infield	Kevin Morgan	Outfield
Rick Christensen	Outfield	David Perry	Pitcher
Jim Clark	Infield	Dan Santos	Outfield
Dene Ekholm	Infield	Jeremy Santos	Outfield
Mike Hammer	Pitcher	Mike Saur	Pitcher
Pete Hammer	Infield	Alan Smith	Outfield
Dave Jensen	Pitcher	Brad Thompson	Catcher
Jim Jurack	Infield	Steve Whitten	Pitcher
PJ Jurack	Outfield		

Dan Santos Manager

SUTTON BRAVES

Tyler Barnes	Infield/Pitcher	Jim Lukas	Infield
Alan Bloomfield	Infield/Pitcher	Mike Metz	Infield
Chris Bryant	Infield	Hugh Neffendorf	Infield/Pitcher
Mike Buchanan	Infield	Paul Newhouse	Outfield
Ed Calem	Infield	Paul Newhouse Jnr	Infield
Rick D'Alesandro	Outfield	Tim Newhouse	Outfield
Julian Dodwell	Outfield/Pitcher	Mike Swiskay	Outfield
Jim Dunn	Infield/Pitcher		
Martin Jewer	Infield/Pitcher		

Jim Dunn Manager

HULL ROYALS

W Cornforth		G Cornforth	
G Cornforth		C Moore	
J Eskertt		J Annis	
C South		M Clark	
P Adams		R Kirk	
M Adamson		N Harper	
A Foster		A Lowthorpe	
B Webb			

GOLDERS GREEN SOX

John Bean	Catcher	Kevin Murphy	Infield
Steve Burnett	Outfield	John Savage	Pitcher
Dave Clarke	Outfield	Tim Sayers	Infield
Don Ferguson	Catcher	Amory Schwartz	Infield
Roy Fitzsimons	Infield	Dave Singer	Outfield
Joe Hamilton	Infield	Kerry Wilshere	Outfield
Steve Hurn	Pitcher		
Jeff Jolly	Outfield		

Don Ferguson Manager

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Professional Baseball in England!

Most people assume that the influx of American soldiers during World War Two was responsible for the arrival of baseball in this country.

But this is far from the case. Naturally enough the G.I.s. played their national summer sport while stationed here but baseball was here long before them.

In the nineteen thirties semi-professional baseball was played all over the country and below this level there were scores of amateur teams.

Games held in the White City Stadium in West London attracted thousands of spectators, and the sport was equally successful in the Midlands and the North. The name of the home of Derby County Football Club - the Baseball Ground - is a testimony to that.

Tourney Trivia

Earlier this year when pitcher Bert Blyleven was traded from the Cleveland Indians to the Minnesota Twins, he had to sacrifice something to which he had been very attached for years: his beard. The twins have a no-beards rule and Blyleven pined. Now he has grown it back agreeing to pay the club fine for violating the rule—£35 a day. The money goes to charity and by the end of the season Blyleven's beard will have cost him £3,570. His salary this year is £930,000.

Tourney Trivia

There are 379 yards of fine yarn machine wound in each baseball.

Tony Mullane won 285 games in the 1890's but that's not what made him famous. He pitched both right and left handed!

Pitcher Dean Stone won a game without pitching a ball! He went to the mound for the American League in the 1954 All Star game in the last inning with two men already out. A National League player tried to steal home and Stone threw him out at the plate for the third out, and the victory.

Tourney Trivia

There is no reason why the fielding team should not try to put the batter off his stride at a critical moment by neatly timed disparagements of his wife's fidelity and his mothers respectability.

George Bernard Shaw

Saturday 19th July

Group A

Main Diamond

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Run Diff	Pts

10.30 Barnes v Crawley

Sutton to Umpire

13.00 Hull v Barnes

Golders Green to Umpire

15.30 Crawley v Hull

Cobham to Umpire

Group B

Alternative Diamond

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Run Diff	Pts

10.30 Golders Green v Cobham

Hull to Umpire

13.00 Cobham v Sutton

Crawley to Umpire

15.30 Sutton v Golders Green

Barnes to Umpire

Sunday 20th July

5th Place Playoff

Alternative Diamond 11am

	v	
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3rd place group A

3rd place group B

3rd Place Playoff

Main Diamond 11am

	v	
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2nd place group A

2nd place group B

The Final

Main Diamond 3pm

	v	
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Winners group A

Winners group B

All Saturday games will be of 7 innings duration.

Run difference will apply in the event of a tied group position.

Presentations will be at 6pm approximately on Sunday.

Action Replay



(Right) the smallest Giant, Dave Smith, in the thick of the action at home plate during last years tournament. We still think he was safe!



(Left) Little Luc Bonnici, who brings his dad Roger to most of our home games, shows that like most Giants players he's better at hitting the bottle than hitting the ball.



(Above) Clean up hitter Rick "too tall" Soan, who like Steve Chinn, has probably worked out his batting average by the time he reaches first base.



(Left) Pitcher and leading home run slugger for the Giants, Nigel Parker pictured throwing with the wrong hand again!

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Tourney Trivia



Eddie Gaedel, a 26-year-old midget, pinch-hit for the St. Louis Browns in the second game of an August 19, 1951, doubleheader against Detroit at Sportsman's Park.

Bill Veeck, owner of the Browns, used Gaedel as part of a promotional stunt. However, Gaedel was released the next day when American League President Will Harridge refused to approve his contract (Harridge said the use of a midget was not in the best interests of baseball).

Gaedel, standing 3 feet 7 inches

and wearing uniform number 1/8, batted for right fielder Frank Saucier to lead off the Browns first inning.

Nearly 10 years later Eddie Gaedel was back in the news at a big-league ballpark. Bill Veeck, now owner of the Chicago White Sox, took note of fans' constant complaints about vendors blocking their view and so he hired Gaedel and seven other midgets in 1961 to work as vendors in the box-seat sections of Comiskey Park on opening day.

July 19th - on this day...

In 1909 Neal Ball of the Cleveland Indians became the first player in history to complete an unassisted triple play. He also homered in the same game.

In 1960 Juan Marichal pitched a 2-0 one hitter in his first major league game for the San Francisco Giants against Philadelphia.

July 20th - on this day...

In 1976 - Henry 'Hank' Aaron hit his 755th and last major league home run.

Tourney Trivia

The first game broadcast on television featured the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers on Aug 26 1939.

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 armpits 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".

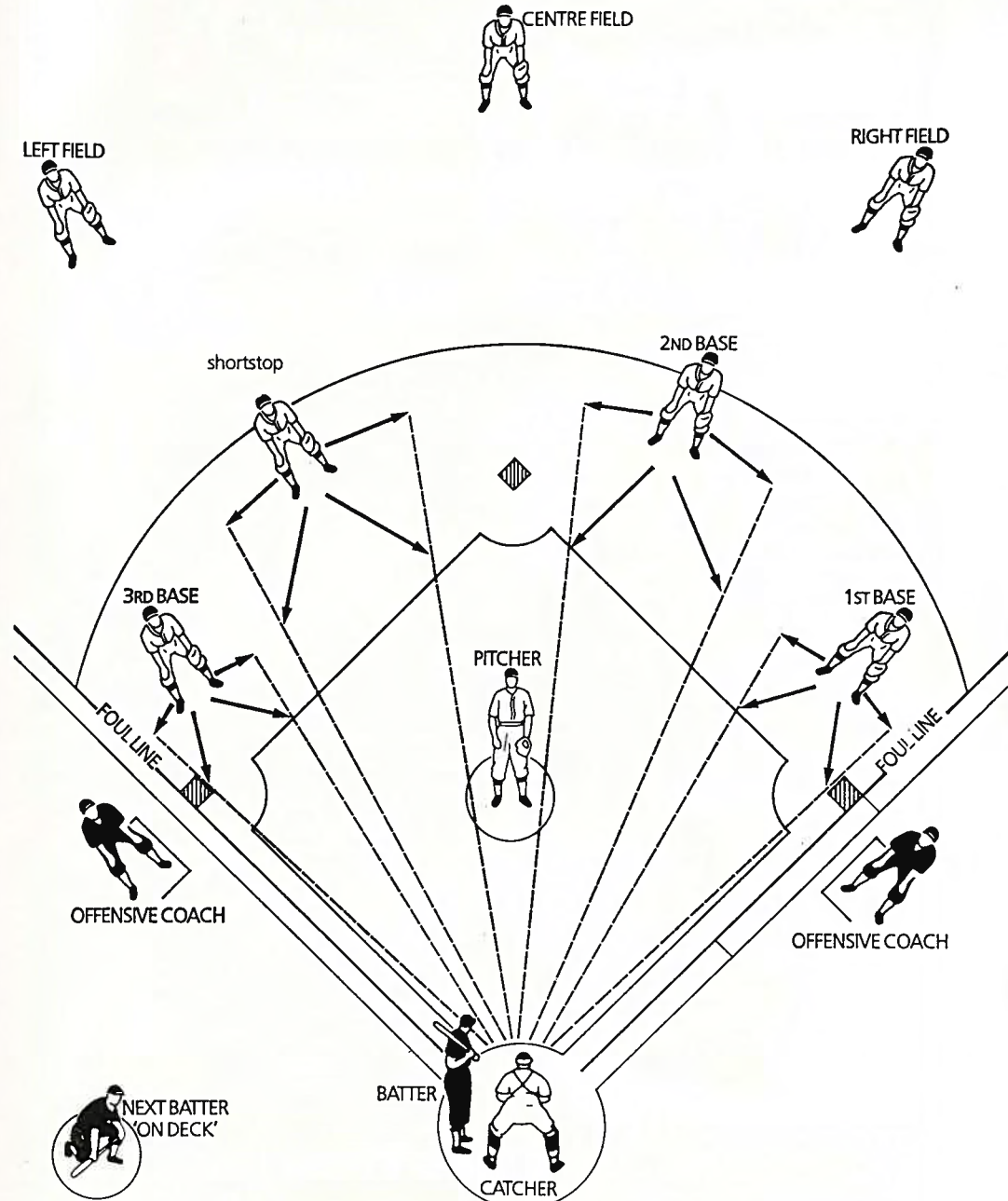
Gloves:

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.

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