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Founded 1962, Home Field: Rosehill Park, Sutton

# **TEAM ROSTER**

# **ALAN BLOOMFIELD -**

Bats R, Throws R; Infield – Team Manager and inspiration. Joined Braves as a junior. One of the best British players; member of Olympic squad. 1984 Braves MVP. Also with Southern Tigers in National League. 1987 NL MVP. Nickname "Goldilocks".

# **RICK D'ALESANDRO -**

Bats L, Throws R; Outfield – With Braves since 1982. One of the most reliable players. Led Batting, On Base Percent and Stolen Bases in 1989. MVP in 1986. Also with London Warriors in National League. American. Nickname "Mr. Clutch".

# MATT ABBOTT -

Bats R, Throws R; Infield – Joined in 1989 from Barnes. Regular at third base. Promising young British player. Also Southern Tigers. Nickname "Leonardo".

# **HUGH NEFFENDORF -**

Bats R, Throws R; Utility – The old man of the team; joined Braves in 1970. Two batting titles, two slugging, two pitching. MVP in 1983 and 1988. Also London Warriors. American. Nickname "Rag-arm".

## MARTY JEWER -

Bats R, Throws R; Infield/Pitcher – Joined from Crawley in 1985. Fine batter and pitcher. Former Braves manager and England team member. 1985 MVP. Nickname "Speedy".

# **RALPH PAPENDORF -**

Bats R, Throws R; Outfield/Pitcher – Joined from Golders Green in 1988. Pitching award in first year, but arm injury limited activity this year. South African. Nickname "Turkey".

# EELCO WIERSMA -

Bats R, Throws R; Infield/Pitcher – Joined from Crawley in 1988. Experienced all-rounder and reliable pitcher. Dutch. Nickname – none.

# LEE MAYFIELD -

Bats R, Throws R; Infield – Automatic selection at shortstop for every game this season. Joined from Ashford in 1988. Throws on the run. Fielding award in 1988. Also Nottingham in National League. British. Nickname – none.

# **MIKE FOSTER -**

Bats R, Throws R; Outfield – Joined in 1988. Also Nottingham in NL, but missed much of this season while in Japan. American. Nickname – none.

# **RUSSELL THOMPSON -**

Bats R, Throws R; Pitcher – Joined from Basildon in 1988. Leading pitcher this year, usually starter. British. Nickname "Russell".

# **BRAD THOMPSON -**

Bats R, Throws R; Catcher – One of three new recruits from Cobham in 1989 adding solidity to the Braves. Regular catcher and clean-up hitter. Also London Warriors. American. Nickname "Zen".

# **ALAN SMITH -**

Bats R, Throws R; Outfield/Pitcher – Former Cobham Yankee. Reliable all-rounder. Also London Warriors. British. Nickname – none.

# **KEVIN MURPHY –**

Bats L, Throws L; Outfield/First Base – Former Cobham Yankee. Leading Slugger and RBI this year. Also London Warriors. American. Nickname "Killer".

### EARL DIX -

Bats R, Throws R; Outfield – Rejoined mid-season from Hounslow, Good club man. British. Nicknames "Early", "The Pearl".

# FRANÇOIS MAYS -

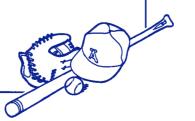
Bats R, Throws R; Outfield – Joined this year. Formerly with Paris University Club and French National Team. Baseball commentator for Screensport. Only played part of season. Also Southern Tigers. Nickname – none.

# **MEL HILLSDON -**

Bats R, Throws R; Outfield – Promising British recruit from softball, Strong hitter. Nickname– none.

# **BEN NEFFENDORF -**

Bats R, Throws R; Batboy – Age 12, Played in Braves youth team. Nickname – none yet.





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# JACK AKERS -

Bats L, Throws L; Manager – Has been with the Spartans since 1982, originally as a player before becoming full time manager. Has led the Spartans to 1st Division Championships in 1987 and 1989 and BBF Knock-Out Cup 1988. U.S.A.

# **GARY BEDINGFIELD -**

Bats R, Throws R; Catcher – Has been playing baseball in Enfield since 1976. Batted .333 in 1989 with 3 homeruns. Played for Great Britain in 1986 and 1989. British.

# WILL BEGLANE -

Bats R, Throws R; Outfield/Pitcher – Returned to the Spartans in 1989 after spending a year in Australia. Has been playing since 1976 and hit .375 in 6 games this season. British.

# ANDY BRISTOW -

Bats R, Throws R; 2nd Base – Began playing baseball in 1979 and has been with the Spartans since they were formed in 1981. Played 2 games for Spartans in European Championships. British.

# PHIL BUTFIELD -

Bats R, Throws R; Outfield – Phil began playing baseball this season and should be a big help to the Spartans in 1990. British.

# SIMON COOKSON -

Bats L, Throws L; Outfield – Started playing baseball in 1987 adding depth to the Spartans from the left side of the plate. Hit .333 in 6 games this season. British.

# **BRAD CRUICKSHANK -**

Bats R, Throws R; Outfield – Brad has been playing baseball for over 10 years. Has come up with many key hits this season especially in post season play. British.

# ED DUFF -

Bats R, Throws R; Pitcher/ 3rd Base – Ed joined the team this season after previously playing for Barnestormers. Adds depth to the pitching staff as well as being a good utility man. U.S.A.

# **ROMAN HOVORKA -**

Bats L, Throws R; 3rd Base – Roman joined the Spartans in August after having previously played against them for the Czech team, T. J. Sokol, in the European Championships. An experienced player with a good glove and bat. Czechoslovakian.

# IAIN LANARIO -

Bats R, Throws R; Pitcher/3rd Base – Has been playing baseball since 1977. As a pitcher he was 10-2 in 1989 with 80 strikeouts in 83 innings. Hit .395 on the year with 33 RBI. British.

# **ROB LANARIO** -

Bats R, Throws R; Shortstop – Rob is in his 14th season, playing baseball since he was 10 years old. Hit .304 on the year with 6 homers and stole 19 bases. Played for Great Britain in 1989. British.

# SIMON LANARIO -

Bats L, Throws L; 1st Base/Captain – The oldest of 3 brothers playing for the Spartans. Si has been involved in baseball since 1976, Excellent defensive 1st baseman. British.

### JOHN LING -

Bats R, Throws R; Outfield – After breaking an arm and a leg in 1988 John has only seen limited action this year, Hit .272 in 8 games this season and homered against the Austrian team, Vienna Homerunners in the European Championships. British.

# HENRY LOSCHER -

Bats R, Throws R; Coach – Henry has been coaching the Spartans from the very beginning. Without his dedication and guidance through those early years the team may well not exist today. U.S.A.

# OSCAR MARCELINO -

Bats R, Throws R; Pitcher/Infield – Oscar joined the Spartans from Basildon in 1987 and has won 19 league games for them in that time. Oscar hit .298 on the season. Played for Great Britain in 1988 and 1989. British.

# **RON MURPHY** ~

Bats R, Throws R; Outfield – Ron is in his second season with Enfield hitting .283 in the league. A native of Adelaide, Australia, has brought a wealth of experience to the team. Australian.

# **DAVE RUSS -**

Bats R, Throws R; Outfield – In just 3 years Dave has progressed to one of the top players on the team. The Spartans' centrefielder hit a team-leading .451 with a staggering 42 RBIs. British.

# STEVE SIMMONS -

Bats R, Throws R; 2nd Base – Steve came over from Basildon with Oscar in 1987 giving the Spartans a solid defensive infield. Played for Great Britain in 1989. British.

# STUART ZINN -

Bats R, Throws R; Outfield – Stuart has been with the team for 3 years. Steady improvement and a good bat has seen him in the lineup on a regular basis. Had 3 hits against Nottingham Imperials in BBF Knock Out Cup Quarter Finals. British.