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LONDON

V.

AMERICA

AT

ROMFORD STADIUM
London Road, ROMFORD

ON

Sunday, 21st August, 1938

PITCH OFF 6 P.M.



SOUVENIR PROGRAMME - - 2d.

Who's Who in the London Team

During Season 1936 the West Ham team defeated the Olympics for the first time in history and now, after a period of two years, three of these West Ham boys are re-united and will again play against the Americans.

"Snooker" Ruvinsky.—Captained and Coached Hackney Royals into third place in the London Major League in 1936. Spent Season 1937 in Canada playing for Montpelier Vermont. Now Captain and Coach of De Havilland Comets who are leading in the London Senior League and favourites for the London Cup. Selected as Catcher for England in the Test Games England v America, 1938. Captain of London Team.

"Nip" Nishikawa.—Pitched for the Corinthians in the London Major League, 1937. Now pitching for Romford Wasps who are in the running for Championship of the London Senior League. A fast ball Pitcher. Known to the fans as "Nippy."

Glen Allen.—Born in England. Played in the Major League with Romford, 1936 ; De Havilland Comets, Seasons 1937 and 1938.

Eric Whitehead.—English Born. Played in Major League with West Ham, 1936, and played in that team when they defeated U.S. Olympics in 1936 ; also West Ham, 1937. Now playing for Romford Wasps.

"Art" Ormsby.—Born in Wigan, Lancashire. Short Stop for Wasps, 1936. Captained Briggs Brigands to League Championship, 1937. Now with De Havilland Comets.

Bill Irvine.—Born in Scotland. Played for West Ham when they defeated the Olympics in 1936. Also with West Ham, 1937. Now with Romford Wasps, fighting for the Championship of Senior League.

Harry Simpson.—Born in London. Played in the Outfield for West Ham, and against U.S. Olympics when defeated by West Ham, 1936. With De Havilland Comets, 1937 and 1938, which team this year is in the running for League Championship of the Senior League.

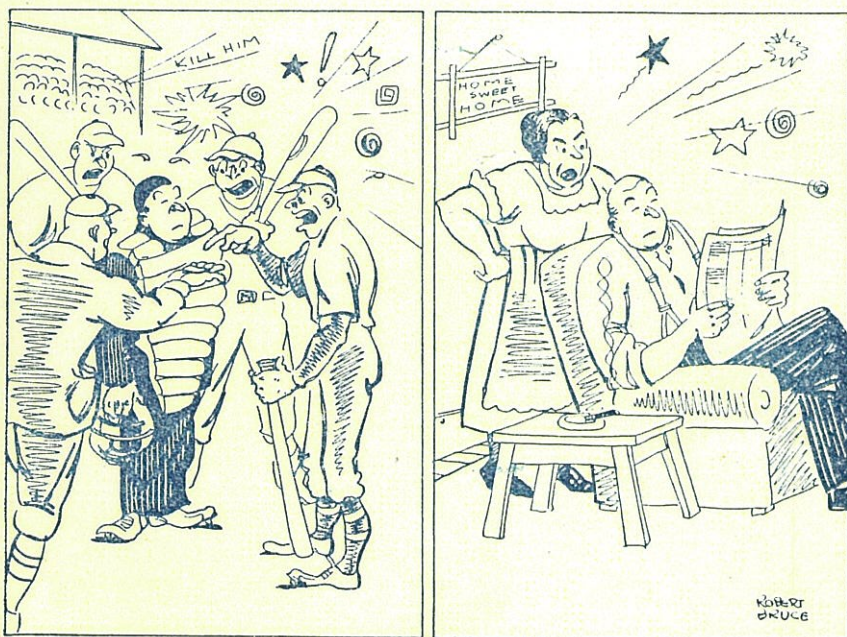
"Duke" Campbell.—Played for White City when they were Champions of London Major League and Winners of National Challenge Cup, 1936. Now playing with Romford Wasps. An Ice Hockey Star.

"Gib" Hutchinson.—Played with Romford Wasps when Champions of London Major League, 1937. Now with Romford Wasps in the London Senior League. Also Ice Hockey Star.

McKenzie.—Pitched for Nunhead in the London Major League, 1937; and now pitching for De Havilland Comets who are in the running for League Championship and London Cup.

Vic Pope.—Born in Birmingham. Played in the Major League with West Ham Pirates, 1937. Now Pitcher and Captain for Romford Corinthians in the London Senior League.

Maestro Woodland.—Born in London. Played for Romford, 1936; with Ford's when they were runners up for the Championship of the Senior League, 1937; now Captain of Ford's Senior League team.



KEEPING HIS HAND IN

LONDON

RUNS by INNINGS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL
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BATTING ORDER

12	CATCHER	...	"SNOOKER" RUVINSKY	1	De Havilland Comets.
1	PITCHER...	...	"NIP" NISHIKAWA	...	Romford Wasps.
5	FIRST BASE	...	GLEN ALLEN	...	De Havilland Comets.
6	SECOND BASE	...	ERIC WHITEHEAD	...	Romford Wasps.
4	THIRD BASE...	...	"ART" ORMSBY	...	De Havilland Comets.
13	SHORT STOP	3	BILL IRVINE...	...	Romford Wasps.
10	LEFT FIELD...	...	HARRY SIMPSON...	...	De Havilland Comets.
11	CENTRE FIELD	...	"DUKE" CAMPBELL	...	Romford Wasps.
	RIGHT FIELD	...	L. HUTCHINSON...	...	Romford Wasps.

Benchers:—

14	PITCHER...	...	A. MCKENZIE...	...	De Havilland Comets.
9	INFIELD...	...	L. WOODLAND	...	Ford Sports.
3	OUTFIELD or PITCHER	...	VIC POPE...	...	Romford Corinthians.

Chief Umpire: BYRNE.

Base Umpire: ANDERSON.

Commentator: A. T. GROGAN

SUBSTITUTIONS

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1 Base Hit made by No. 2/14

2 Base Hit made by No.

3 Base Hit made by No.

Home Runs made by No.

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BATTING ORDER

No.	Name.	Position.
3	LLOYD JOHNSON	CENTRE FIELD
1	GEORGE BINGER	RIGHT FIELD
11	LEFTY SCHEMER	FIRST BASE
9	MIZELL PLATT	LEFT FIELD
4	TOMMY O'ROURKE	SHORT STOP
6	LEO BENSON	SECOND BASE
2	JOHN McDERMOTT	THIRD BASE
10	DEAN GRAFF, Capt.	CATCHER
5	VIRGIL THOMSON or	
25	CLYDE (Dizzy) DEAN	PITCHER

Benchers:—

8	CHARLES TATE
27	ORA LINDA
7	WENDELL RINGLAND

Trainer: CLIFF CUNINGHAM

Manager and Coach: LESLIE MANN

SUBSTITUTIONS

- 1 Base Hit made by No. 3. 11. 2. 109
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- 3 Base Hit made by No. 1. 11. 4. 11. 5.
- Home Runs made by No. 4.

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Side-lights on the American Team

Leslie Mann.—Manager of team, executive secretary of American Amateur Baseball Congress of United States, which placed the sport of baseball before the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin. Mann played in the National Major League of America for 16 years and is holder of the coveted silver 10-year service life-time honour of the Major Baseball Leagues. For more than five years he has worked on presenting amateur baseball to the Olympics which he achieved at Berlin in 1936. For more than 15 years Mann has been prominently identified with physical education work as instructor and coach at Springfield College, Mass., and is ranked one of America's leading baseball instructors. He also is an active member of the Eastern Football Officials' Association and a former All-American football player from Springfield College, his *alma mater*.

The following is the personal history of each member of the All-American Baseball Team that is sponsored by the U.S.A. Baseball Congress, Olympic members of the American Olympic Association. Also charter members along with England in the International Baseball Federation.

These players have just been selected by the National Selection Committee for the National Amateur Baseball Trials held at Lincoln, Nebraska, July 15th to 30th.

These boys have been selected from the National Amateur Baseball Trials according to their character, ability in their position, and as team players. They come with the good wishes of the U.S.A. Baseball Congress, members with you in the International Baseball Federation.

CATCHERS.

Dean Graff.—Star catcher for Illinois Wesleyan University. Address: Bloomington, Illinois.

Charlie Tate.—The greatest high school athlete ever developed at Jacksonville High School. Address: Jacksonville, Florida.

PITCHERS.

Virgil Thomson.—Right-handed pitcher. He won the championship for the Illinois Amateur Baseball Conference. A student at Western Teachers' College at McComb, Ill. A curve ball pitcher. Address: Augusta, Illinois.

Clyde Dean.—Pitched for the American Legion Club of Lincoln to the National semi-finals in 1936. Won the city championship for his team in the City League of Lincoln. A fast ball pitcher. Address: Lincoln, Nebraska.

Wendell Ringland.—A big right-hander side-arm pitching. A champion in Kansas. Address: Bennett, Kansas.

INFIELDERS.

Milton (Lefty) Schemer.—The greatest athlete ever to graduate from Miami High School. A left-handed first baseman; he pitches also. A great football and basketball player. Address: Miami, Florida.

Leo Benson.—Second base. University of Nebraska student. A steady, reliable player. Always active and alert. A football player. Address: Lincoln, Nebraska.

Tommy O'Rourke.—Short stop. All-Florida State player for three years. He is fast and a hard hitter. Address: West Palm Beach, Florida.

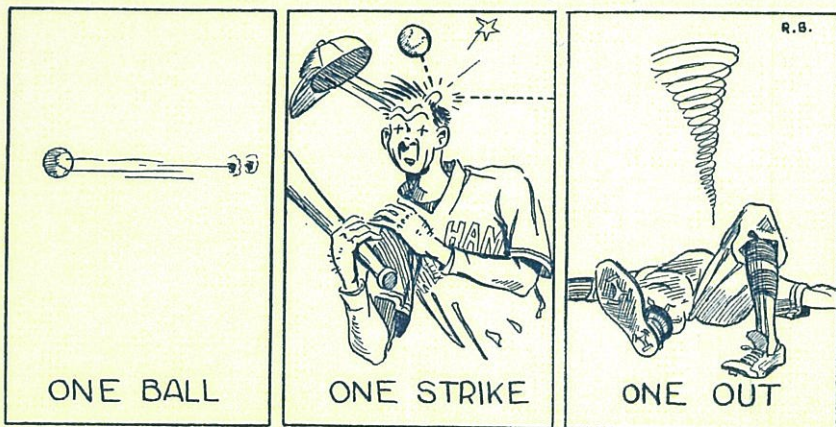
John McDermott.—Third base. Member of Western Nebraska championship amateur team. A good base-runner. A track and basketball man. Address: Grand Island, Nebraska.

OUTFIELDERS.

Mizell Platt.—Left fielder. He is fast, has a great arm, and a strong batter. A member of the South-eastern U.S. Championship High School Team. Address: West Palm Beach, Florida.

Lloyd Johnson.—Centre fielder. Fastest man on the team. He is short and has a strong arm. A great lead-off man. From the strongest amateur team in Iowa. Address: Coon Rapids, Iowa.

George Binger.—Right fielder. Member of Championship Legion and High School teams for four years. Champions of the fast City League of Lincoln. Also a left-handed pitcher.



The Climax of a Great Season

Romford Stadium is the venue of the most important Ball Game of the season—London v. America—this Sunday.

Although the season opened in May, and 750 teams took to the Diamond in a natural and quiet manner, interest and enthusiasm has increased until now the hue and cry is echoing throughout the country for Baseball and more Baseball, and attendances at games are increasing weekly, while also additional Clubs are being inaugurated at various centres.

The anti-climax of a very successful season was the great series of International games, when a team selected from Amateur players of 34 States of America played in Test Matches v. England, and this game—London v. America—should make history in the South of England.

The London team is representative of all the London Baseball Stars and includes three players who were members of the West Ham team which defeated the American Olympics team at West Ham in 1936. All members of the team have been making history in this country for the past two or three years, and their reputation and popularity is so great that there is little need of introduction to the Baseball fans.

The result of this game will create a great amount of interest, by the fact that it will show how the standard of play as put up by our amateur teams in this country compares with that of the senior amateur teams of America.