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FANZINE
BASEBALL IN BRITAIN



LONDON WARRIORS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TEAM ROSTER 1992

<u>Name</u>	<u>Usual Fielding Position</u>	<u>Uniform Number</u>
Harry Atwood	Shortstop	12
Alan Bloomfield	Second Base	4
Justin Brown	Third Base	20
Julian Dodwell	Centrefield	19
Ben Geddes	Leftfield	17
Oliver Heidecker	Designated Hitter	14
Vincente Martinez	Relief Pitcher	16
Kevin Murphy	Rightfield	18
Alan Smith	Starting Pitcher	3
Stanley Smulders	Rightfield	15
Brad Thompson	Catcher	6
Darrin Ward	First Base	7
Dean Ward	Third Base	5

A BRITISH BASEBALL FANZINE

MONEY TOO TIGHT TO MENTION

In the competitive cut and thrust world of magazine publishing, all too often a bright idea can come to sudden end. For those of us familiar with the British Baseball scene, there are memories of the shortlived Baseball UK magazine, and more recently Baseball Times, which had a much heavier American Major League content.

When this latter title disappeared into a new hybrid - 'Anglo American Sports ', it became exactly the kind of magazine most people wouldn't buy. Baseball fanatics would probably regard the ice hockey, basketball and gridiron as a waste of printer's ink, whilst fans of those three sports would probably take an equally disparaging view of baseball.

So, perhaps, it should come as no surprise to find that Anglo American Sports has gone under, leaving just Transatlantic Baseball News and Review as the main organ of the sport in this country. However, there are encouraging signs, with the emergence of a new project, undertaken by Kevin McAdam, to produce a new monthly publication dedicated to baseball in Britain, and that does NOT mean solely the BBF.

As editor of a much smaller, and deliberately low-key, publication, I wish him the very best of luck, but it is a cut-throat and expensive business out there, and even well researched, well written publications in far more popular UK sports, such as soccer, have disappeared, simply through trying to be the best and most widely circulated magazine too quickly. So take care, Kevin !

If you have news, comments, ideas, articles, anything you think would be of interest to Kevin, he can be contacted at 66 Belvedere Road, Hessle, Nth Humberside, HU13 9JJ, Tel 0482 643551.

I have a number of copies of the new summer issue of Transatlantic Baseball News & Review for sale, cover price of £1.75, so either, write, phone, or if you see me at a game, (the balding geezer over there !) ask me for your copy. It contains a number of interesting articles on the UK game and is well worth reading.

REPORTS & SCORES

Sunday 16th August

LONDON WARRIORS					AT CROYDON BLUE JAYS					GAME ONE				
London Warriors	ab	r	h	rbi	Croydon Blue Jays	ab	r	h	rbi					
Bloomfield, c	4	1	2	0	Lawson, cf	3	0	1	0					
Murphy, lf	3	2	1	0	Sahker, rf	4	1	2	1					
Heidecker, 2b	3	2	2	1	Harrington, lf	2	1	1	0					
Brown, ss	3	1	2	2	Walker, c	3	0	1	1					
Dodwell, cf	3	1	2	1	Heather, 1b	3	0	0	0					
Smith, p	2	0	0	0	Stankovits, 2b	3	0	0	0					
De Ward, 3b	2	0	1	1	McCloud, 3b	3	0	0	0					
Geddes, rf	4	0	0	0	Rolls, ss	2	0	1	0					
Smulders, 1b	4	0	0	0	Laing, p	2	1	0	0					
					Marciano, lf	2	0	1	0					
Totals	28	7	10	5	Totals	27	3	7	2					

London Warriors 0 0 2 0 3 2 0 - 7

Croydon Blue Jays 0 0 0 1 2 0 0 - 3

London IP H R ER BB SO

Smith 7 7 3 2 1 0

Croydon IP H R ER BB SO

Laing 7 10 7 4 6 1

E - Smith, De Ward, Marciano, Stankovits, Rolls, Laing. LOB -

London 9, Croydon 7. 2B - Brown. SB - Bloomfield, Brown. CS -

Heidecker, Dodwell, Lawson

LONDON WARRIORS					AT CROYDON BLUE JAYS					GAME TWO				
London Warriors	ab	r	h	rbi	Croydon Blue Jays	ab	r	h	rbi					
Bloomfield, c	6	3	3	2	Lawson, cf	4	1	1	0					
Murphy, rf	5	2	1	1	Marciano, lf	3	0	0	0					
Heidecker, 2b	5	3	2	2	Sahker, rf	3	0	1	0					
Brown, p	5	3	3	3	Walker, c	2	0	0	0					
Dodwell, cf	6	5	2	1	Heather, p	3	0	1	0					
Smith, 1b	5	3	3	1	Stankovits, 2b-1b	2	0	0	0					
Geddes, ss	5	1	2	3	McCloud, 3b	2	0	0	0					
De Ward, 3b	6	1	2	1	Rolls, ss	3	0	0	0					
Smulders, lf	4	2	1	1	Laing, 1b	2	0	0	0					
					Woolcott, 2b	1	0	1	0					
Totals	47	23	19	15	Totals	25	1	4	0					

London Warriors	5	2	0	0	9	6	1	-	23
Croydon Blue Jays	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	1
London	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Brown	7	4	1	1	3	13			
Croydon	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO			
Heather	7	19	23	12	7	3			

E - Geddes, Walker, Stankovits 3, McCloud 4, Rolls. LOB - London 11, Croydon 6. 2B - Bloomfield, Brown 2. 3B - Murphy. SB - Bloomfield, Brown, Dodwell, Smulders. WP - Brown, Heather 4. HBP - By Heather (Smulders). PB - London 2.

(Statistics courtesy of Stephen Draper - Croydon Blue Jays)

The defeat the previous week by the Cambridge Knights had been described as Blue Jays worst for two years, so to find that result eclipsed the very next week must have been disheartening. Playing without their usual starting pitcher, Keith Wilesmith, game one was handled by Norman Laing, pitching his first competitive innings for two years, and only Justin Brown managed any kind of sizeable hit off him, with a double in the 3rd inning.

Game Two was entirely different, the hapless Jamie Heather being hit all over the park, whilst Justin Brown's pitching conceded just four hits, leaving 6 Blue Jays batters with no hits for that game, and three with no hits on the day ! Warriors, missing Darrin Ward, through injury, and Harry Atwood on vacation, cruised through the second game for a massive 23-1 victory.

Sunday 23rd August

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R		Game Two	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	
Birmingham Devils	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	3		1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2
London Warriors	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		3	0	0	1	1	0	0	X	4

For only the second time this season, Warriors were shut out, as Devils collected a well earned 3-0 victory in game one of this double-header at Barnes.

Warriors could, perhaps, feel unfortunate, in so much as almost every inning finished with men left on base, and that by the top of

the seventh, the only score had come as the result of the only overthrow of the day. However, in the top of the seventh, Devil's showed that they had what it takes to score from their own efforts, and a well struck single, with the bases loaded, brought in the second run of the day.

Finally, a Martinez wild pitch allowed the third and final run, and the realisation it was a shut-out victory, brought whoops of delight at the close of the seventh inning.

Game Two started in an entirely different way. Perhaps frustrated with the amount of time he had spent camped on third base in the first game, Alan Bloomfield started Warriors off in the best possible way, belting a solo homer to centrefield.

Then, as had been so in the first game, the slightest mistake was punished. Alan Smith struck a grounder to the pitcher. Perhaps surprised at the way it bounced into his glove, the pitcher dropped the ball, and in his panic missed the throw, allowing Alan Smith to second, and Alan Bloomfield and Justin Brown to score.

Another error in the fourth, when an Oliver Heidecker rain-maker was dropped, allowed Alan Bloomfield home again to put Warriors four clear, but Devils replied immediately with a run of their own in the fifth, and a sweetly struck double in the seventh.

Pritchett Construction National League Standings 22/8/92

	Wn	Lt	Pct	G.B
Enfield Spartans	17	2	.895	-
London Warriors	15	3	.833	1½
Cambridge Knights	11	8	.579	6
Birmingham Devils	9	9	.500	8
Croydon Blue Jays	9	11	.450	8½
Essex Eagles	3	15	.167	13½
Reading Bulldogs	2	18	.100	15½

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LONDON WARRIORS NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE 1992

Sun 26th April	HOME TO CAMBRIDGE KNIGHTS	W 11-3
Sun 10th May	HOME TO READING BULLDOGS (D)	W 16-4 & 17-0
Sun 17th May	away to Essex Eagles (D)	W 15-1 & 16-1
Sun 24th May	away to Birmingham Devils	W 16-6
Sun 31st May	HOME TO CROYDON BLUE JAYS	W 9-3
Sun 14th June	away to Cambridge Knights (D)	W 10-4 & 9-2
Sun 21st June	HOME TO ESSEX EAGLES	W 14-7
Sun 28th June	away to Enfield Spartans	L 0-10
Sun 5th July	away to Reading Bulldogs	W 17-4
Sun 12th July	HOME TO CROYDON BLUE JAYS	W 10-9
Sun 19th July	away to Enfield Spartans	L 6-7
Sun 26th July	away to Birmingham Devils	W 24-9
Sun 2nd August	HOME to CAMBRIDGE KNIGHTS	L 7-8
Sun 16th August	away to Croydon Blue Jays (D)	W 7-3 & 23-1
Sun 23rd August	HOME TO BIRMINGHAM DEVILS (D)	L 0-3/W 4-2
Sun 30th August	HOME TO ENFIELD SPARTANS (D)	
Sun 6th September	away to Reading Bulldogs	
Sun 13th September	HOME TO ESSEX EAGLES	
Sat 19th September	Semi Final Playoffs Game 1	
Sun 20th September	Semi Final Playoffs Games 2 & 3	
Sat 26th September	Final Playoff Game 1	
Sun 27th September	Final Playoff Games 2 & 3	
Sun 4th October	National League Champs v Buddies League Champs	

D=Double header-2 seven innings games. Game one starts 1:00 pm

All other nine inning games start 3:00 pm.

A NEW UNDERSTANDING OF BASEBALL

Lest these notes seem merely facetious, let us assure our readers that our aim is to guide them, not deride them. A little help is worth a lot of witty. In a recent game a point came up that sent us burrowing in the rule book, and we emerged with enough understanding to be able to put the foul-tip in a nutshell, thus: if a foul-tip is not caught, it is not a tip—it is a foul ball, and if a foul-tip is caught it is not foul, but it is still a tip, which is well worth remembering. Another point came up concerning Rule 7.05(g), which was formulated especially for baseball in Britain. It reads: Each runner including the batter-runner may without liability to be put out, advance two bases when, with no spectators....a thrown ball goes... over or under or through a field fence.... Various Approved Rulings follow this Rule, and we are at present making an effort to establish the relationship between these Rulings and the Rule itself. We shall give our customary concise guidance to readers as soon as a pattern emerges. In the meantime, should any reader suffer liability to be put out we would only stress that one must walk before one runs. *Please note that correspondence regarding this feature should not be sent to the Editor. [He is not well up with the Rules.]*