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With apologies to and great admiration for Charles M. Schulz

LONDON WARRIORS

NATIONAL LEAGUE

TEAM ROSTER 1993

<u>Name</u>	<u>Usual Fielding Position</u>	<u>Uniform Number</u>
Harry Atwood	Second Base/Shortstop	12
Alan Bloomfield	Catcher/Second Base	4
Justin Brown	Shortstop/Pitcher	20
Cody Cain	Leftfield/Pitcher	19
Julian Dodwell	Centrefield	17
Oliver Heidecker	Third Base/Second Base	14
Vincente Martinez	Pitcher	16
Steve Marzo	Rightfield	13
Kevin Murphy	Rightfield/Centrefield	18
Alan Smith	Pitcher/Rightfield	8
Stanley Smulders	Rightfield/Leftfield	15
Brad Thompson	Catcher	6
Darrin Ward	First Base	7
Dean Ward	Third Base	5

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## WARRIORS & SPARTANS

Yup, it's time for the big showdown again. Both the 1991 and 1992 championship finals were between Warriors and Spartans, Spartans winning in '91 and Warriors in '92, so there's always a special flavour to these encounters.

Firstly, a vote of thanks to Rex Phillips, following up on the success of his special Enfield cover for last years *Linedrive !*, with a suitable sequel which should raise a smile, and not content with that, there is a crossword on the back cover, which will give you something to mull over between innings.

Last season, the London/Enfield clashes were looked forward to with great anticipation, but the first game, at Enfield on June 28th, resulted in a very disappointing performance from London, though of course Enfield were more than happy with a 10-0 slaughter. Still the 7-6 league win for Spartans last season, and the second game of the championship finals, a 5-4 win for Warriors, were very enjoyable, with all the tension good baseball so often causes.

Spartans start today 1½ games down on Warriors, so victory for them would really close things up, especially as the Essex Eagles currently share second spot, also on 5-2. However, Warriors will be smarting after their first defeat of the season last weekend, courtesy of the Cambridge Knights, and they will be determined not to be caught out again.

## REPORTS & SCORES

National League Senior Division

Sunday 6th June

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E	
Waltham Forest Angels	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	4	
London Warriors	1	0	5	8	3	0	1	X	17	15	11

Experimentation was the Warrior order of the day, with Ala Bloomfield pitching, Oliver Heidecker catching, and Julian Dodwel moving in from the outfield to first base.

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Certainly a bright enough start from Angels, with a Vozumi sacrifice fly scoring Noel Omechi, and Dave Singer scoring Imura to put Angels two up.

However, Justin Brown's first plate appearance brought a decisive indication of his intentions, hitting the first of two solo homers for the day. Strong hitting from Harry Atwood, Julian Dodwell and Alan Bloomfield added to the Warrior tally, and by the bottom of the third, it was merely a question of playing the seven innings.

However, full credit to Angels who battled away, trying to find a crack in the Warrior defence. Noel Omechi had an impressive day, his stop and relay of a difficult grounder to third, not only got out the batter, Alan Bloomfield, but also drew applause from the watching crowd. Omechi then produced Angels final flourish in the top of the seventh. His well timed swing met Alan Bloomfield's pitch beautifully, and the ball sailed down the leftfield line, but unfortunately, rather than a homer, it fell just a few feet foul.

National League Senior Division

Sunday 13th June

	1	1	2	1	3	1	4	1	5	1	6	1	7	1	8	1	9	1	R	H	E	
London Warriors	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	3	7	1	2	1	
Cambridge Knights	1	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	X	1	5	7	1	4

Lots of low numbers, that's how a game should be. Knights game plan was simple, but effective. Go at 'em hitting, don't let them settle, and it seemed to do the trick.

Certainly, they were very keyed up, and up until the eighth inning, when perhaps anticipation of victory unsettled them, they had committed just the one fielding error.

Knights shortstop, Blair Sharleville, played a crucial role, collecting three of Cambridge's seven hits, reaching home plate for one run, and batting in Phil Doncaster for another.

For Warriors, Steve Marzo took some difficult catches out in centrefield, and nearly scored a run in the top of the eighth, only

to be tagged at the plate, whilst offensively, Cody Cain, Justin Brown and Alan Bloomfield, got the three scoring hits.

Certainly an exciting game to watch, with most of the Warrior entourage pacing back and forth, unable to sit still in this nailbiting contest.

National League Senior Division

Sunday 13th June

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Enfield Spartans	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	4	1	8	8	5
Essex Eagles	1	0	1	6	1	0	2	1	1	X	12	15

After the top of the third, Enfield held a 2-1 lead, but a sudden batting surge by the Eagles brought in four runs in the second half of the inning, and brought about the removal of Spartans starter, Ian Lanario.

Rob Nelson took over on the mound, conceding two more runs, and then, in the bottom of the fourth, conceded a solo homer to his opposite number, Vince Warner.

Despite a rally of four runs in the top of the eighth, and strong hits by Mower and Ian Lanario in the ninth, they were unable to make ground on the Eagles, the result tying the two teams won/lost records at 5-2 each.

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS

Wk 7 6/6/93

Senior Division Essex Eagles 13 Birmingham Brewers 7, Cambridge Knights @ Croydon Blue Jays, to be re-scheduled, Enfield Spartans 5 Bury Saints 4, London Warriors 17 Waltham Forest Angels 2.

Rookie Division Cambridge Monarchs 10 Basildon Mariners 7 Lakenheath High 17, Tonbridge Bobcats 4.

Senior Division Bury Saints 18 Croydon Blue Jays Cambridge Knights 5 London Warriors 3, Essex Eagles 12 Enfield

Spartans 8, Birmingham Brewers @ Waltham Forest Angels - no play, rain.

Rookie Division London Stormers 14 Cambridge Monarchs 10,  
Tonbridge Bobcats 11 Lakenheath High 7.

## STANDINGS

## Senior Division

	V	L	Pcnt	GB
London Warriors	7	1	.875	
Enfield Spartans	5	2	.714	1%
Essex Eagles	5	2	.714	1%
Cambridge Knights	4	3	.571	2%
Bury Saints	3	4	.429	3%
Croydon Blue Jays	3	4	.429	3%
Birmingham Brewers	0	5	.000	5%
Waltham Fst Angels	0	6	.000	6

## Rookie Division

	V	L	Pcnt	GB
London Stormers	5	0	1.000	
Lakenheath High	1	1	.500	2%
Tonbridge Bobcats	3	3	.500	2%
Cambridge Monarchs	1	4	.200	4
Basildon Mariners	0	2	.000	3%

## NATIONAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

## Senior Division

Cambridge Knights	@	Birmingham Brewers
Waltham Fst Angels	@	Croydon Blue Jays
London Warriors	@	Enfield Spartans
Bury Saints	@	Essex Eagles

## Rookie Division 20/6/93

Lakenheath	@	Cambridge
Basildon	@	London

## Senior Division

Essex Eagles	@	Enfield Spartans
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(Other re-scheduled matches may be arranged for this 'free' day)

## Rookie Division 27/6/93

London Stormers	@	Cambridge Monarchs
Basildon Mariners	@	London Stormers

## Senior Division

Enfield Spartans	@	Birmingham Brewers
London Warriors	@	Bury Saints
Waltham Fst Angels	@	Cambridge Knights
Croydon Blue Jays	@	Essex Eagles

## Rookie Division 4/7/93

Tonbridge	@	Basildon
London Stormers	@	Lakenheath

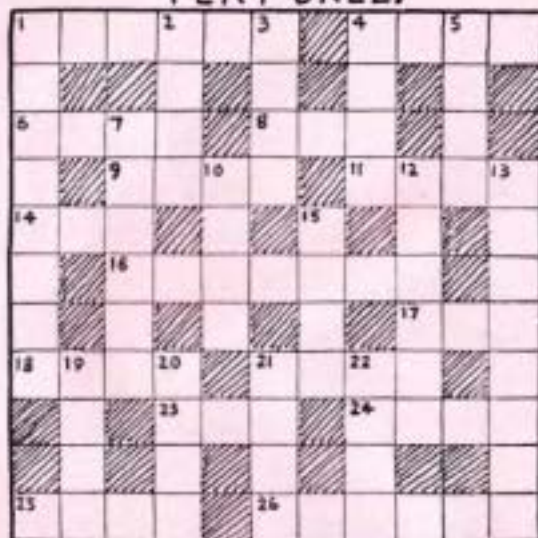
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LONDON WARRIORS NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE 1993

Sun 25th April	HOME TO CAMBRIDGE KNIGHTS	W 7-0
Sun 2nd May	away to Waltham Forest Angels	W 13-1
Sun 9th May	HOME TO BURY SAINTS	W 8-1
Sun 16th May	HOME TO ESSEX EAGLES	W 6-0
Sun 23rd May	away to Birmingham Brewers	W 12-6
Sun 30th May	away to Croydon Blue Jays	W 13-3
Sun 6th June	HOME TO WALTHAM FOREST ANGELS	W 17-2
Sun 13th June	away to Cambridge Knights	L 3-5
Sun 20th June	away to Enfield Spartans	
Sun 4th July	away to Bury Saints	
Sun 11th July	HOME TO CROYDON BLUE JAYS	
Sun 18th July	away to Enfield Spartans	
Sun 25th July	away to Birmingham Brewers	
Sun 1st August	HOME to CAMBRIDGE KNIGHTS	
Sun 8th August	away to Waltham Forest Angels	
Sun 15th August	HOME TO CROYDON BLUE JAYS	
Sun 22nd August	HOME TO BIRMINGHAM BREWERS	
Sun 29th August	HOME TO ENFIELD SPARTANS	
Sun 5th September	away to Bury Saints	
Sun 12th September	HOME TO ESSEX EAGLES	
Sun 19th September	away to Essex Eagles	
Sat 25th September	Championship Playoff Game 1	
Sun 26th September	Championship Playoff Games 2 & 3	

*All nine inning games. All start 3:00 pm.*

# PLAY BALL!



EACH CLUE  
IS A  
TIME AT BAT

CORRECT  
ANSWERS  
ARE HITS

WRONG  
ANSWERS ARE  
GROUNDOUTS

INCOMPLETE  
ANSWERS ARE  
STRIKEOUTS

CAN YOU BAT 1,000?

## ACROSS

1. A pinch runner does this best (6)
4. Red Sox or White Sox? Both (4)
6. American's reaction to a double curve (4)
8. Brad has a point with this (3)
9. One thing they said to Merkle? (4)
11. Was Branch Rickey ever out on this? (4)
14. For a rookie initially it is distant (3)
16. In to cover Rangers—went too far (7)
17. When 20 or 23 are this, go for 26 (3)
18. Never go back without a closer. That's flat (4)
21. Do nothing right. One of a pair of swingers? (4)
23. See 17 (3)
24. Diamonds and all that (4)
25. Jays are this, and so, we think, are the Braves (4)
26. See 17 (6)

## DOWN

1. Northern agent is not taxed (4-4)
2. Oakland team was the last word (4)
3. How to hit a fly (4)
4. Famous building in the purlieu of a barrel maker (4)
5. It's grand when they all four come home (4)
7. What the manager said to the pinch hitter on this side? (6)
10. Particular cockney advice to a batter (4)
12. Have no interest in coach's sign or entreaty (6)
13. Ed's at bat, turns to indecorousness (3, 5)
15. Outfielders could be a riot (4)
19. On base this endless bloomer sounds awful (4)
20. See 17 (4)
21. The ball is this if the swing goes foul (4)
22. Go up and up up for the Reds' organisation (4)

CAN YOU SEE THE PITCHER OFF?