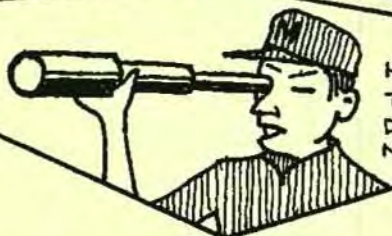


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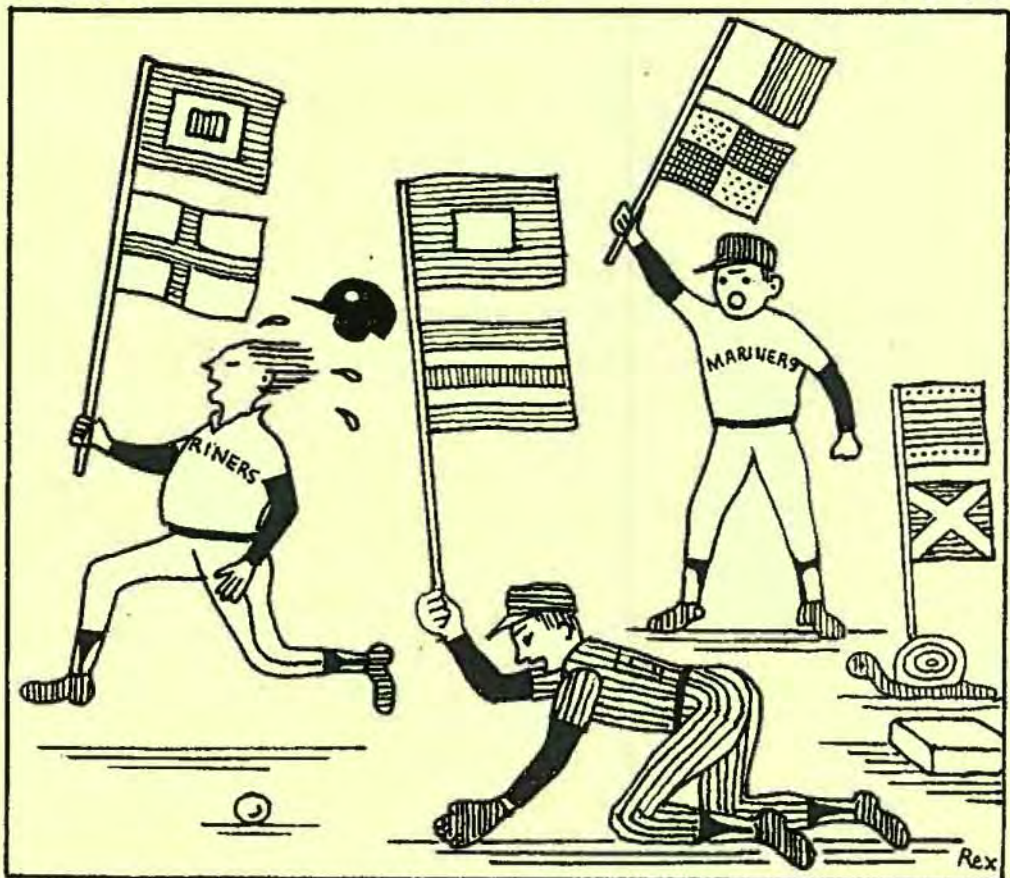


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TEAM ROSTER 1993

<u>Name</u>	<u>Usual Fielding Position</u>	<u>Uniform Number</u>
Rupert Armitage	Rightfield	20
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
Carlos Rodriguez	Centrefield	19
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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AHOY THERE SHIPMATES !

Well, shiver me timbers, splice the mainbrace and avast behind. We come to the last of the regular season, and it's congratulations to the London Warriors for securing the regular season top spot. This gives Warriors home advantage in the play-offs, with the added bonus that should they win this, they are straight through to the final.

At the time of writing, it's a three way scrap between Cambridge Knights, Waltham Forest Angels and the Croydon Blue Jays for the sixth and final play off spot, but they are also the three teams trying not to finish in last place for the promotion and relegation play-offs.

Promotion from the Rookie Division is down to the match between Tonbridge Bobcats and London Stormers at Barnes (Sep 12). As Lakenheath have guest status only, the positions for Tonbridge and London stand as follows :- out of a possible 12 games, Tonbridge won 9, lost 2, Stormers won 8, lost 2. Victory for Tonbridge gives them the title, and victory for Stormers would leave them the postponed game with the Basildon Mariners of 18th July to play. However, win or lose, Stormers are champions, as a finish of Stormers and Bobcats both on 9-3 would mean London winning by virtue of the results between the two clubs, which would favour Stormers 3 to 1.

Returning to our nautical theme, and thanks again to the ever inventive Rex Phillips for this issues cover. A man of many tastes and talents, for those in the know, the shading on the cover is in the correct heraldic fashion to indicate the true flag colours.

BREAKING APART ?

The October issue of Anglo-American Sports makes interesting reading, though from the BBF point of view, it is something of a tale of woe. The two Scottish members of National Premier League North, Tayside Cobras and Fintry Braves, have both left the competition, whilst the East Midlands league has seen its

membership decrease from eight teams to three, and one of the three, Norwich Wanderers, have not had a competitive game since May 16th. There is a letter published from their manager, Andrew Aron, stating their intention to approach NLB for next season. Finally, a number of as yet unidentified teams have broken away from BBF to form the independant Baseball Southwest organisation.

One would hope that the BBF would look around and say to National League, 'Okay, so perhaps you guys weren't wrong', however, if I know BBF, their attitude will be that NLB started the breakaway idea, and that it is, therefore, all our fault.

From a fans point of view, I feel that UK baseball needs to split its organisation up. Have a governing body for the sport that tells the UK clubs what rules they play by, and guides them on matters of public relations and related discipline, whilst the day to day running of the leagues be devolved to smaller, more regionalised competitions. With the regional leagues, playing by the same rules, having the same age and nationality eligibilities, they could then meet in a nationwide knock-out cup tournament, meaning just the occasional, but exciting, long distance trip each season, whilst playing localised leagues, where travelling is not a factor to discourage amateur clubs.

That way, the individual league officials have less of a workload, because, where necessary, they can refer important matters on to the independant governing body.

REPORTS & SCORES

National League - Senior Division

29/8/93

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

LP Rob Nelson

WP Alan Smith

The last of the three regular season games between the two Championship finalists of the last two seasons saw Warriors make a clean sweep of games against the Spartans.

For a long time, it looked as though Cody Cain's opening RBI would be the only score for the match, especially after a neat double play by Spartans in the bottom of the fourth. Steve Coombs (2b), dived low to catch a Brad Thompson linedrive, and with Cody Cain well on his way to third, had the simple task of relaying to Julian Fountain at short for the second out.

A Rob Lanario single in the fifth produced Enfields only score, but he was immediately put out at second, Oliver Heidecker (2b) fielding a Brad Cruickshank grounder, and just making the throw to home plate to out Julian Fountain for the double-play.

Warriors quickly restored their lead. Stan Smulders hit a triple, followed by a grounder to third by Alan Smith. In an uncharacteristically poor display, Steve Simmons (3b) overthrew to home, allowing Smulders to score.

Alan Smith added to the Warrior tally with a two RBI single in the sixth, and a Julian Fountain overthrow allowed Oliver Heidecker to reach home in the eighth. With a 5-1 lead to defend, Cody Cain pitched the ninth, collecting three quick K's.

	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	R	
London Warriors	0 1 3 1 0 4 2	11	WP Vincente Martinez
Bury Saints	2 0 0 0 0 0 1	3	LP John Nevelle

	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	R	
London Warriors	0 0 3 0 2 2 3	10	WP Alan Smith
Bury Saints	2 0 0 0 0 2 0	4	LP Tony Anstatt

Not a detailed report for these two games, as your editor had his nose buried in the scorebook, attempting to record the game. Also, as the two games lasted somewhat longer than anticipated, the *Linedrive !* team had to flee, hot foot from the game, to make the bus home, and so had little time to make notes from the afternoon.

In both games Bury got off to a flying start. A two run homer by Tony Anstatt in game one, and we believe, Anstatt amongst the scorers for the first inning of game two. Sadly Warriors lost the

services of Harry Atwood in the third inning of game one. Diving back to tag-up at first, Atwood received a nasty gash in his hand and spent much of the afternoon at Peterborough's Queensgate Hospital. *Linedrive !* wishes him a speedy recovery.

Undaunted, Alan Bloomfield struck a vital three run homer to put Warriors ahead, and with Oliver Heidecker on top form, waiting no longer than the second pitch to hit John Nevelle all around the park, London soon surged into a big lead. Considering the fact that Bury Saints stand a strong chance of finishing second, this was a consummate display of thoughtful baseball to show London's dominance.

STANDINGS

	Wn	Lt	Pcnt	GB
London Warriors	17	2	.895	
Bury Saints	12	7	.632	5
Enfield Spartans	10	7	.588	6
Essex Eagles	10	9	.526	7
Birmingham Brewers	9	10	.474	8
Cambridge Knights	7	12	.368	10
Waltham Fst Angels	5	14	.263	12
Croydon Blue Jays	4	13	.235	12

SCHEDULES

12/9/93

Bury Saints @ Cambridge Knights. Birmingham Brewers @ Croydon Blue Jays. London Warriors @ Essex Eagles (DH). Enfield Spartans @ Waltham Forest Angels.

19/9/93

Croydon Blue Jays @ Birmingham Brewers. Cambridge Knights @ Bury Saints. Waltham Forest Angels @ Enfield Spartans.

Issue 11 of *Linedrive !* will be out for the championship play-offs of the 25th/26th September. Hope to see you all at the Grand Final at RAF Feltwell.

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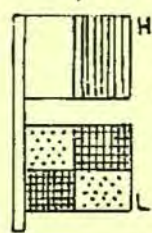
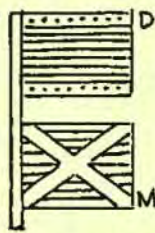
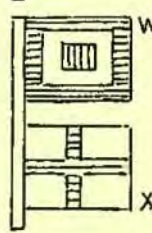
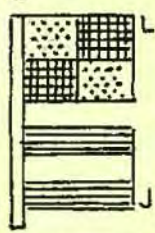
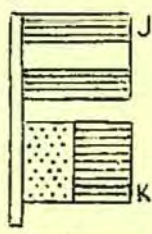
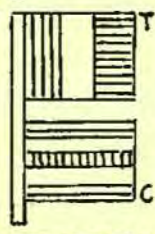
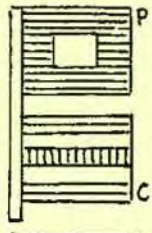
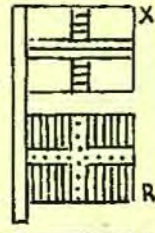
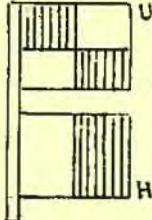
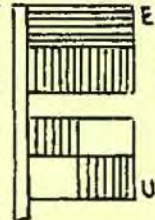
LONDON WARRIORS NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULE 1993

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	W 4-3
Sun 18th July	away to Enfield Spartans	W 9-2
Sun 25th July	away to Birmingham Brewers	L 4-5
Sun 1st August	HOME to CAMBRIDGE KNIGHTS (<i>forfeit</i>)	W 9-0
Sun 8th August	away to Waltham Forest Angels	W 19-7
Sun 15th August	HOME TO CROYDON BLUE JAYS (DH)	W 12-4
		W 6-1
Sun 22nd August	HOME TO BIRMINGHAM BREWERS	W 13-1
Sun 29th August	HOME TO ENFIELD SPARTANS	W 5-1
Sun 5th September	away to Bury Saints (DH)	W 11-3
		W 10-4
Sun 12th September	away to Essex Eagles (DH)	
Sat 25th September	HOME Championship Playoff Game 1	
Sun 26th September	Championship Final *	

DH = Double header - start times to be arranged, but likely to be 1:00 pm. *All other games nine innings, start 3:00 pm.*

* At RAF Feltwell - Suffolk.

Here are some examples from the International Code of Signals for ships at sea. As baseball players are often all at sea, may these signs be of use? There will be no language difficulty for overseas players. Even Americans will understand.

	<p>H</p> <p>It is not safe to go so fast</p>		<p>D</p> <p>Haste is necessary</p>
	<p>W</p> <p>I cannot stop to communicate</p>		<p>L</p> <p>I am disabled</p>
	<p>J</p> <p>I am swinging or about to swing</p>		<p>T</p> <p>I can only proceed at slow speed</p>
	<p>P</p> <p>I am not in my correct position</p>		<p>X</p> <p>When will the tide turn?</p>
	<p>U</p> <p>My reckoning is not to be depended on</p>		<p>E</p> <p>The bar is dangerous</p>