

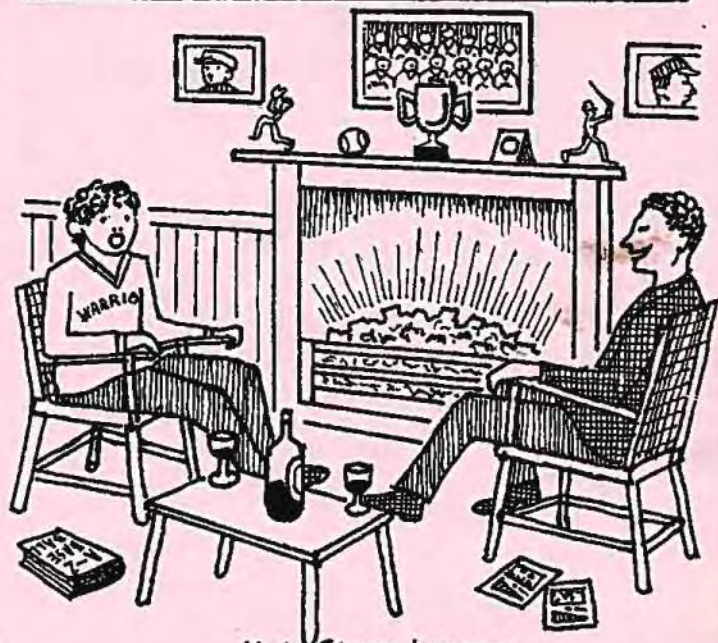
# LINEDRIVE!

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BASEBALL IN BRITAIN



Rex

Hot Stove League

LONDON WARRIORSNATIONAL LEAGUETEAM 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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## SEASON '93

With the regular season finished, and with this marking the final issue of *Linedrive !* for season '93, it is tempting to launch into a retrospective. However, there is still the matter of the play-offs to decide, with the immediate prospect for the Warriors of facing the improving and highly motivated Waltham Forest Angels.

Both sides will be hoping to progress to the Grand Finals at RAF Feltwell, and with Angels having scored the most runs against the Warriors in any one regular season game, and having only last week shut out the Enfield Spartans, things could be very close indeed.

The *Linedrive !* team make no secret of supporting the Warriors for the championship play-offs, but however the play-offs turn out, Rex and myself have more than enough baseball moments to recount as we launch our own particular hot stove league for it's season 93/94.

One interesting aside that may amuse the politicians in the baseball heirarchy, and that is that one Phil Ross has received the offer of a photographers pass to the minor leaguers exhibition baseball match at the Oval on October 2nd. This includes the BBF Championship Final on that Sunday morning !

## REPORTS & SCORES

National League - Senior Division

Sunday 12th September

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<u>London Warriors</u>		0		0		4		0		2		1		7	
<u>Essex Eagles</u>		0		0		0		0		2		0		2	

WP Cody Cain  
LP Vince Warner

With Eagles accepting an invitation to an overseas tournament for the 18th/19th September, Warriors switched venues and played a double header at Witham. Or at least planned to. Then the weathermen came up with the cheerful news that there would be heavy rain and south easterly gales !

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Game One was curtailed after six innings, the rain coming down, absolutely on cue as the Eagles trotted out to field for the seventh, and after twenty minutes of hiding under umbrellas, chairs or in the hedgerow, it was decided that no further play could take place.

Eagles were determined to have a good result against the Warriors, hoping to finish their season on .500 or better, and both Phil Griggs and Matt Jennings were put out trying to reach home early in the contest.

Alan Bloomfield opened the Warrior scoring with a single, Dean Ward reaching home. Cody Cain then batted in Bloomfield, and Stan Smulders batted home Cody Cain and Brad Thompson for 4-0 Warriors.

Bill Oliver, Eagles manager, kindly offered to umpire the game, and was on duty behind the plate. At the commencement of the fifth, the Essex field, as one man, called 'time !'. Bill peered around looking for a fallen player or stray dogs or small children, and finally with a quizzical look stared at Vince Warner on the mound. Vince used just five words to solve the umpires bafflement - 'Put your mask on Bill !'

With all involved suitably kitted out, Cody Cain thumped in a home run for 5-0 Warriors, and a Kevin Murphy double brought home Stan Smulders for 6-0. An interesting point to note is that up to this point, Warriors had been playing with an unfamiliar looking infield, comprised mainly of players from the outfield. As soon as it was changed to a more usual line up, Essex scored !

Ian Colvin reached home on a fielders choice, and Phil Griggs was batted in by a Vince Warner ground rule double. Final run score of the day went to Brad Thompson with a single batting in Dean Ward, before the forecast downpour came and stopped the game. Spare a thought for Oliver Heidecker, having flown back from Germany that Sunday morning, he travelled from Heathrow, direct to the game at Witham, changed into his uniform, was just doing up the last button on his shirt - and it rained ! Ain't life a bitch !

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Enfield Spartans     1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 1  
Waltham Forest Angels 1 0 1 1 0 1 0 1 0 3 1 X 1 4 1

LP Chris McGovern  
 WP Matthew Poggi

Despite a number of heavy defeats at the start of this season, there were always a number of positive characteristics about Waltham Forest's baseball. First, and perhaps foremost, a never say die attitude, secondly, they always scored well, and thirdly, the error count was usually low, and so perhaps Enfield should have been a little more aggressive in their approach to this first game of a double header.

Matthew Poggi pitched very well for Angels, and backed up by players like the nimble Taka Imura on 1st, and the outfield trio of McCrory, Nemorah & O'Hare, it soon became apparent that runs would be hard to come by.

It was Imura who put Angels ahead, stealing home in the second inning, and for a very long time, this looked to be the only score in a tense and fascinating duel. Not until the fifth did another score look likely, when Andy Reading attempted the squeeze play for Angels. Spartans relief pitcher, Julian Fountain, caught the bunt, and relayed to Oscar Marcellino on third, beating Mick Moseley's attempted tag up.

However, Fountain undid all his good work in the next inning, his overthrow to third allowing McCrory home, with Sho Vozumi and Matthew Poggi poised on second and third. Angels then played two well executed sac bunts, O'Hare and Nemorah bringing home Poggi and Vozumi for 4-0 Angels.

Poggi kept his nerve for inning seven, and Angels came away having inflicted Enfield's first shut out defeat of the season.

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Waltham Forest Angels 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 1 3 1 0 1 0 1 5 1  
Enfield Spartans     1 4 1 4 1 4 1 1 1 1 2 1 X 1 1 6 1

LP Matthew Poggi  
 WP Oscar Marcellino

A more determined Enfield performance for game two, disposing of Matthew Poggi in the first two innings, and giving Tony Dyett, in his first spell back on the mound after injury, an equally torrid time.

Ian Lanario scored freely for Spartans with four RBI's and four runs scored, whilst Taka Imura batted in two runs and scored one other from the Angels total.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE - FINAL STANDINGS

Senior Division	Wn	Lt	Pct	GB	Rookie Division				
					Wn	Lt	Pct	GB	
London Warriors	19	2	.905		Lakenheath Y's	9	1	.900	
Bury Saints	14	7	.667	5	London Stormers	9	5	.643	2
Enfield Spartans	12	8	.600	6½	Tonbridge Bobots	10	6	.625	2
Birmingham Brewers	11	9	.550	7½	Basildon Mariners	4	8	.333	6
Essex Eagles	10	11	.476	9	Cambridge Monrch	1	13	.071	10
Cambridge Knights	7	14	.333	12					
Waltham Fst Angels	5	15	.250	13½					
Croydon Blue Jays	4	16	.200	14½					

#### Championship Play-offs

25/9/93

Cambridge Knights @ Bury Saints

Birmingham Brewers @ Enfield Spartans

Waltham Forest Angels @ London Warriors

#### Championship Finals - RAF Feltwell

26/9/93

..... v ..... morning play-off

..... v ..... GRAND FINAL

#### Promotion/Relegation Play-off

26/9/93

Croydon Blue Jays @ London Stormers

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Our thanks and best wishes to all the players who have provided us with such an interesting season '93. See you all in season '94 !

### 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)	W 7-2
	( <i>second game rained off - forfeit</i> )	W 9-0

#### CHAMPIONSHIP PLAY-OFFS

Sat 25th September	HOME TO WALTHAM FOREST ANGELS
Sun 26th September	Championship Final *

\* At RAF Feltwell - Suffolk.

## NUMBER ELEVEN QUIZ ONE FOR THE HOT STOVE LEAGUE

At the dedication of the Hall of Fame in 1939, eleven of the inductees were present. Can you name them? Some of you will rattle them off from memory, no doubt, but here are eleven clues, if required—

He won 2 complete games in 1 day on 4 Oct 1890

He hit 3 triples in 1 game on 13 July 1904

He struck out 4 in 1 inning on 15 Apr 1911

He stole 2nd 3rd and Home in 1 game on 22 Sep 1912

He walked 5 times in 1 game on 1 Oct 1912

He stole 2nd 3rd and Home in 1 game on 18 Jun 1917

He walked twice in one inning on 3 Sep 1917

He won 2 complete games in 1 day on 3 Sep 1917

His team hit 7 home runs in 1 game on 3 Jun 1921

He scored 5 runs in 1 game on 19 Apr 1922

He was struck out twice in 1 inning on 31 July 1934

### TAILPIECE

There has been baseball in Britain ever since the period covered by the eleven clues listed above. At present the game in this country is unsettled, but we feel that the tide of enthusiasm is rising. Keep the hot stoves hot.