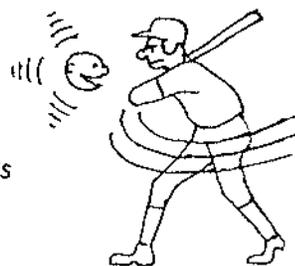


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An end to doubts and uncertainties, National League has now unveiled it's schedule for the remainder of the season, with every team playing every other side once more, making twice in all, followed by two weeks of positional play, making a 16 game season.

Immediately after the final league standings there follows an eight team knockout competition, with quarter-finals on the 11th September, semi-finals on the 18th September and the Grand Final on the 25th September, at a venue to be arranged.

There is also hoped to be time to fit in a tournament with either teams or representatives from Baseball Southwest around late September. Baseball Southwest are at present receiving copies of the *Knuckleball*, and it is hoped they will reciprocate with results, standings and other infomation. *(Subtle hint there guys !)*

Unfortunately, weather, forfeits and the rather gappy early schedule have left National League a bit short on games actually played over the weekend's of May 22nd and May 29th, and attempts at getting the Daily Telegraph to print the one result for each weekend have met with polite, but firm, dismissal.

However, at the time of writing (Mon June 5th) we have received an assurance from the Telegraph that our results of 5th June will be printed in the Wednesday (8th), edition, so keep phoning those results in to 081 686 7727.

REPORTS AND SCORES

29th May 1994

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R		
London Warriors	1	0	1	1	2	2	1	0	3	1	1	9
Waltham Forest Angels	1	0	1	0	3	2	1	1	0	1	0	1

WP Cody Cain (2-1)
LP Tony Dyett (1-1)

The unbeaten Angels (5-0), entertained the wobbling Warriors (1-2), at Marsh Lane, and produced a thrilling afternoon's ball under dark and threatening skies.

Base activity was fairly limited for the first two innings, with starters Tony Dyett and Alan Smith restricting their respective opponents to couple of speculative singles.

Warriors opened the score in the top of the 3rd with an Alan Bloomfield RBI, but this lead was short lived, as Mick Moseley hit a single, stretched to second by an overthrow, was advanced by a Vozumi ground out to third, before coming in on a passed ball for 1-1. An Oliver Millet double then batted in both Omechi and McCrory for 3-1 Angels.

Rich Kemp then put the Warriors level with a two run homer in the fourth, but a Vozumi double to leftfield brought in Mick Moseley and Daniel Namorah for 5-3 Angels. Cody Cain's solo homer in the fifth reduced the Warriors arrears to one, and fellow Warrior pitcher Alan Smith evened up the score, his ground out scoring Kevin Coldiron for 5-5.

Not to be outdone, Angels replied with a homer of their own, Mark McCrory who had come so very close to catching Rich Kemp's effort in the fourth, thumped a round tripper of his own, so Warrior's releiver, Cain, took to the hill 6-5 down.

An Alan Smith single in the seventh scored Coldiron and Heidecker for 7-6 Warriors, and a Dean Ward ground rule double scored Kevin Murphy for 8-6 Warriors. Cody Cain then further protected his lead with an RBI double in the ninth for 9-6 Warriors, and there

then was only the thought that in the Warriors opening game of the season at Enfield, Cain had gone into the bottom of the ninth 9-6 ahead and lost. However this was no Enfield, the only loss on the inning being a Vozumi single.

For the other schedule game, Bury Saints were unable to raise a team to play at Essex due to commitments at RAF Mildenhall. As stated previously, where a team does not show (other than for a waterlogged diamond or similar ground disruption), a forfeit will be awarded, unless both the teams involved can agree a re-match and some future point in the season. Forfeit results so far and potential re-arrangement dates will be mentioned after the standings feature in this issue.

5th June 1994

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R			
Bromley Blue Jays	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	2
London Warriors	1	0	2	1	3	6	5	0	X	1	6

LP Bob Ratcliffe (0-1)
WP Cody Cain (3-1)

Following the move to Orpington, the retirement of Norman Laing, and the departure of Harvey Sahker, season '94 is a season of rebuilding for the Blue Jays. Sadly for their new players, they were not extended the most generous of welcomes to Barn Elms Park by Warriors pitcher, Cody Cain, who ruthlessly fanned 7 of the first 9 batters.

Not content with that, Cain also struck a two run homer in the 2nd to open the scoring for the day. A ground rule double for Heidecker in the third brough home Atwood, and a line drive to centrefield for Kevin Coldiron scored two further runs for 5-0 Warriors.

Keith Wilesmith did a captains job with an RBI single in the fourth, and with Bob Ratcliffe on third, Wilesmith attempted a steal of second, drawing the play away from Ratcliffe, who stole home whilst Wilesmith was caught stealing.

In the bottom of the fourth, an Alan Bloomfield grounder was cut short at second base thanks to a brilliant dive from shortstop Joe Rolls, but he was unable to prevent Rodriguez crossing the plate for 6-2 Warriors. There then followed a three run homer by Oliver Heidecker, and a 2 RBI double for Richard Kemp.

The bottom of the fifth, Bloomfield repeated the trick of batting in Rodriguez, and Atwood, having advanced to second on a passed ball, also came home on another passed ball for 13-2 Warriors. Kevin Coldiron then batted in Alan Bloomfield with a single to centrefield, and a shallow fly to left by Kevin Murphy was good for two runs thanks to Kevin Coldiron and Oliver Heidecker.

With the score at 16-2 Warriors, Blue Jays knew they needed to score five runs in two innings to prevent the slaughter, and with singles for Rolls and Wilesmith, and a walk for Bob Ratcliffe, they loaded the bases in the top of the sixth. Sadly, Matt Gills grounder to releif pitcher, Kevin Coldiron, was whisked to Alan Bloomfield at the plate, and along to Oliver Heidecker at first, the double play putting out Rolls and Gill.

Tonbridge Bobcats 13 Essex Eagles 6

5th June 1994

Eagles started brightly in their first National League visit to Deacons Field, and at the close of the 2nd inning led by 4-1. The Bobcats rallied with 4 runs in two innings, closing the 4th 5-4 ahead.

Tonbridge then added a further 8 runs, highlighted by a 3 run triple for Nick Carter, who finished the day 4 for 5, moving his season batting average to .643. Not content with that, Carter also pitched eight innings, collecting 12 K's.

For the Eagles, hitting highlights came from a triples by Dave Reed (starting pitcher), and Vince Warner (relief pitcher), and a two run triple from Matt Jennings, scoring on a fielding error.

In the other games for last Sunday, Enfield Spartans defeated Lakenheath Yankees 21-1, whilst the Waltham Forest Angels travelled to Whittlesey, only to find no Bury Saints, and so returned to London with a 9-0 forfeit.

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS AFTER WEEK 7

5th June 1994

	W	L	Pct	GB
Waltham Forest Angels	6	1	.857	---
Enfield Spartans	5	1	.833	½
London Warriors	4	2	.667	1½
Tonbridge Bobcats	2	2	.500	2½
Bury Saints	2	3	.400	3
Essex Eagles	2	3	.400	3
Bromley Blue Jays	0	4	.000	5
Lakenheath Yankees	0	5	.000	5½

Forfeit results included in standings are :-

24/4 Enfield Spartans	9	Bury Saints	0	(DH at Bury 10/7 or single game 21/8)
1/5 Bromley Blue J's	0	Waltham Forest A	9	(DH at Waltham 10/7 or single game 21/8)
15/5 Bury Saints	9	Bromley Blue J's	0	(DH at Bromley 17/7 or single game 21/8)
29/5 Essex Eagles	9	Bury Saints	0	(DH at Bury 3/7 or single game 21/8)
5/6 Bury Saints	0	Waltham Forest A	9	(19/6 or 21/8 or DH at Waltham 7/8)
12/6 Lakenheath Y's	0	London Warriors	9	(DH at London 14/8 or single game 21/8)

The above dates are suggestions only, and as Bury Saints lead the way with four games to re-schedule already, this could mean as much as three consecutive double header Sundays for the Saints.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SCHEDULES WEEKS 8 & 9

12th June 1994

Bury Saints at Tonbridge Bobcats
 Essex Eagles at Bromley Blue Jays
 Lakenheath Yankees cannot raise a team to meet the visit of the London Warriors

19th June 1994

Enfield Spartans at Essex Eagles
 Lakenheath Yankees at Bromley Blue Jays
 Tonbridge Bobcats at London Warriors
 Waltham Forest Angels at Bury Saints could be rescheduled from 5th June

MAJOR LEAGUE COMPETITION

23rd May 1994

As promised here are the top 5 tipsters in our Major League competition, and before anyone asks, your editor is 9 games off the pace and doesn't even make the top ten !
 Who's dum idea was this anyway ?

1) Harry Atwood - Orioles 4, White Sox 0, Rangers 0, Braves 0, Reds 0, Giants 3½.	42½
2) Emma Wallace - Orioles 4, White Sox 0, Rangers 0, Expos 4, Reds 0, Dodgers 0.	42
3) Alan Bloomfield - Yankees 0, Indians 3, Rangers 0, Braves 0, Pirates 5, Dodgers 0.	41
3) Oliver Heidecker - Yankees 0, Indians 3, Mariners 0, Braves 0, Cardinals 2½, Giants 3½.	41
5) Alex Malihoudis - Red Sox 1½, Indians 3, Rangers 0, Braves 0, Cardinals 2½, Giants 3½.	39½

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