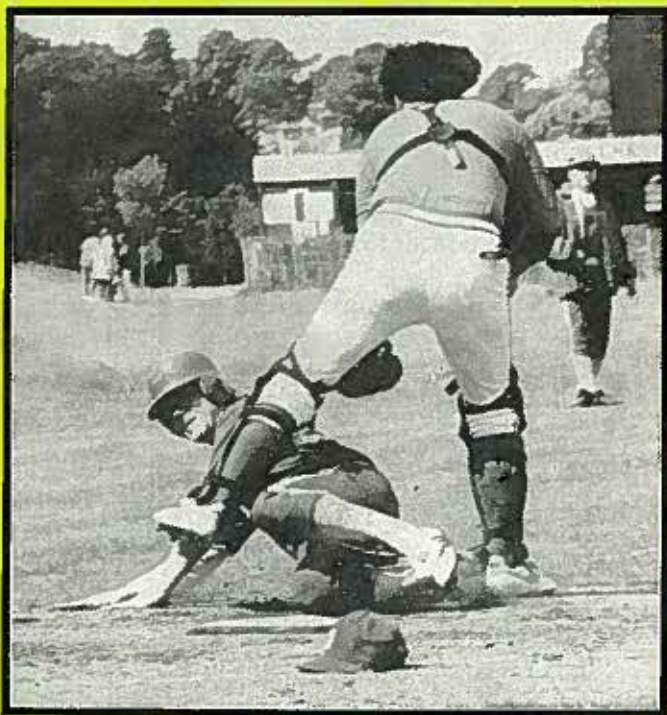


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Annual Invitational Tournament
18th/19th July 1987



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Bob Coe
Managing Director



Here he is again, Eddie Gaedel, the shortest ever player to play in the major leagues. Standing 3 feet 7 inches and wearing uniform number 1/8, he batted for right fielder Frank Saucier in a 1951 game for the St. Louis Browns. Eddie is pictured here kitting up before taking his place in baseball history receiving a little help from Browns manager Zack Taylor and words of encouragement from coach Johnny Tobin (right).

Try our tourney word search, there are 23 names of major league stars, past and present, to find but don't forget they also run diagonally and vertically as well as left to right and right to left.

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A	R	E	U	L	B	R	H	E	R	R	R	Blyleven
X	O	V	A	R	Y	A	N	H	O	V	E	Brett
H	E	R	S	H	I	S	E	R	N	A	T	Cey
G	O	A	K	E	B	R	H	I	E	L	T	Di Maggio
R	I	G	H	E	T	T	I	G	V	E	X	Foxx
H	G	P	E	N	A	C	E	X	E	N	A	Garagiola
O	G	O	S	S	A	G	E	O	L	Z	F	Garvey
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												Ryan
												Sax
												Valenzuela
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Saturday 18th July

Group A

Main Diamond

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Run Diff	Pts

10.30 v
 13.00 v
 15.30 v

Group B

Alternative Diamond

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Run Diff	Pts

10.30 v
 13.00 v
 15.30 v

About your hosts...



L to R (standing) Dave Smith, Nigel Parker (manager), Steve Chinn, Eelco Wiersma, Keith Eden, Jim Dodkins. (Front row) Alf Noda, Alan Ropke, Roger Bonnici, Rick Soan. Not pictured are Pete Tavener and Chris Stocker.

The new town of Crawley was conceived and started nearly forty years ago. Before that it was virtually a sleepy village half-way between London and Brighton. It had once been a stop for stage coaches and had very little else going for it.

Then came the building boom to help house those made homeless through the war and Crawley mushroomed. Baseball arrived with the new town.

Originally the Crawley team was a factory side of an American drug company (The Beechams Magpies) which moved onto the industrial estate, the baseball pitch was inside the factory grounds.

Then the teams that were the forerunners of the present day Giants moved away from the factory and played on more public pitches eventually arriving at the name Crawley Giants and basing themselves at Southgate.

CALLING ALL POTENTIAL PLAYERS

If anyone among the tournament spectators fancies trying baseball, or those who have had experience would like to get back into the sport, please approach any Crawley Giants player for further information

About the Gladiators

The University Gladiators is a team that came into existence during the Dutch student championships in Groningen in 1984.

On the first day of the tournament seven University teams played for the title of University champion. On the second day a selection was made from all the players to form The University Gladiators. Alas the newborn team had a difficult first day for their first opponent was the London Allstar team. The new team could not get acquainted to the devastating pitching of the Allstars. Only Mario Everts saved us from embarrassment by hitting two solo homers, the only two runs against the 22 run lead by the Allstar side. Mario was the tourna-

ments top hitter with five homers in four games.

At present the University Gladiators is composed of players playing in the Dutch central region league. Three teams are contributing players to today's side. They are The Rats from Utrecht, Quick from Amersfoort and The Matchmakers from Wageningen and the players play in the upper two regional leagues.

There are two players who have played at a higher level. Mike Ocon has played professional baseball in the U.S.A. and Nico de Jong has played on a national level in Holland. The Gladiators do not play regularly together, but have reformed especially for this tournament.

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Tournament teams '87

BARNES STORMERS

Burgundy, Grey & White

Shane Mckean	Infield	Colin Acus	Outfield
Dan Godfrey	Infield	Jim Brisco	Outfield
Jason Godfrey	Infield/Pitcher	Dave Mccrane	Infield
Ben Godfrey	Infield/Pitcher	Kevin Baines	Outfield
Matt Abbott	Pitcher/Catcher	Martin Schiller	Outfield
Muir Mckean	Infield	Hugo Godfrey	Outfield
Glen Libby	Outfield	Glen Libby Manager	
Chris Johnson	Outfield		

COBHAM YANKEES

Blue, Red & White

Pete Hammer	Infield	Mike Hammer	Pitcher
Derek Buskin	Infield	Daniel Santos	Outfield
Brad Thompson	Catcher	Jeremy Santos	Outfield
Lee Pierce	Infield	Mark Griffin	Outfield
Mike Saur	Pitcher	Wes Jones	Infield
Dave Jensen	Pitcher	Alan Smith	Outfield
Matt Sakai	Outfield	Ken Kotcher	Infield
Tony Kuramitsu	Pitcher	Dan Santos Manager	

CROYDON BLUEJAYS

Navy & White

Neil McLeod	Infield	Mike Smith	Outfield
Phil Laing	Infield	John Stevens	Outfield
Darrin Ward	Infield/Pitcher	Mike McDermott	Outfield
Dean Ward	Infield/Catcher	Norman Laing	Outfield
Joe Paskran	Infield	Ken Myers	Outfield
Kevin Sylvester	Pitcher	Dean Ward Manager	

SUTTON BRAVES

White & Red

Alan Bloomfield	Infield/Pitcher	Paul Newhouse Jr.	Infield
Julian Dodwell	Outfield/Pitcher	Jim Lukas	Infield
Rick D'Alesandro	Outfield/Catcher	Jim Dunn	Infield
Hugh Neffendorf	Infield/Pitcher	Jim Bringlow	Infield
Darren Hooper	Catcher	Pete Bringlow	Infield
Andy Evans	Pitcher/Infield	Paul Cox	Infield
Andy Fox	Infield/Pitcher	Gavin Kyle	Infield
Marty Jewer	Infield/Pitcher	Darren Ropke	Infield
Chris Bryant	Outfield	Marty Jewer Manager	
Paul Newhouse Snr.	Outfield		

UNIVERSITY GLADIATORS

Arjan Brandsma	Catcher/Outfield	Rob Helfdingen	Infield/Pitcher
Johan Brandsma	Pitcher/Outfield	Jaap de Kolf	Infield/Pitcher
Hasse Dekker	Infield	Leo Kremer	Catcher/Infield
Erik Jansen	Catcher	Michael Ocon	Pitcher/Catcher
Simon Jansen	Infield/Outfield	Leander van der Spek	Outfield
Nico de Jong	Infield/Catcher	Theo Vriessen	Outfield/Infield
Roger ter Heide	Outfield	Roger ter Heide Manager	

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Sports Column



by Red Ruffansore

Ol' Red's in hospital having his six-monthly oil change and so he's asked us to reprint the following quotes from previous columns published this year.

Jim Dunn on hitting two home runs in one game for the Southern Tigers; *"It boosted my ego, although mine probably didn't need it"*

Elco Weirsmas, ex-manager of the struggling Crawley Giants, on celebrating his 28th birthday; *"I don't mind being 28, it's just that I was only 19 at the start of the season"*

Martin Jewer responding to comments from his Sutton Brave team mates about his lack of speed on the basepaths; *"it's hard to be as fit as a fiddle when you're shaped like a cello"*.

Glen Libby of Barnes when asked about his infielders execution during the first half of the season; *"I think that executing them might be a little bit drastic, but I'm keeping an open mind"*.

Alan Bloomfield from Sutton describing his plans to shake off an early season batting slump; *"I'm going to start kissing my bat because I need to get friendly with it again"*.

Dig in there and don't let them brush you back,

Red

Tourney Trivia

In the "Who's on first?" comedy sketch that Bud Abbott and Lou Costello made famous, the name of one player - the right fielder - was routinely omitted. Names in the rest of the lineup where;
First base - Who
Second base - What
Third base - I Don't know
Shortstop - I Don't care
Left field - Why
Center field - Because
Catcher - Today
Pitcher - Tomorrow

Ross Barnes was a second baseman for Chicago's National league team, and he slugged the first home run in major league history on May 2, 1876.

The longest major league game played all on one day went into the books on 1 May, 1920 at Boston Braves field. The Brooklyn Dodgers couldn't push a run across for 21 innings; the Braves had no result after 20. Ultimately 26 innings were played and the game ended a 1-1 tie.

Brooklyn: 00000100000000
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Boston: 000001000000000
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Most amazing of all, the 2 starting pitchers, Leon Cadore of the Dogers and Joe Oeschger of the Braves, went the whole distance! After throwing the equivalent of 3 full games in one day, both spent several days in bed.

Honus Wagner was the first player ever to endorse a baseball bat.

True or False? Ty Cobb and Stan Musial pitched in the major leagues, It's true - but Musial pitched to just one batter (as a publicity stunt) and Cobb threw only a few games.

BASEBALL — "THE GAME"

Played between two teams of nine on-field players. Substitutes are allowed in every position.

Duration:

Nine innings per side, with three outs per inning. At the end of each inning the batting team fields and vice versa — the team scoring most runs is the winner.

A batter is out when he:

1. Misses three pitched balls — 'strikes'.
2. Hits a 'fly ball' that is caught by a fielder.
3. Hits a 'fair ball' but fails to reach 1st base before the fielder has possession of the ball with part of his person on 1st base.
4. Is 'tagged' by fielder with the ball before he reaches a base.

Batting Order:

Each batsman takes his turn to bat in strict rotation throughout the game.

Strike:

A legally pitched ball crossing the 'home plate' between the batters ampits and knees — 'the strike zone'. Each batter is allowed to survive two strikes, he is out if he misses the third.

Ball:

A pitched ball that is outside of the 'strike zone', not struck at by the batter four such 'balls' and the batter is allowed to go to first base (he becomes a base-runner). A ball struck at becomes a 'strike'.

Hit:

A pitched ball hit by a batter into 'fair territory'. The batter is forced to run on hit.

Fly Ball:

A hit that goes in the air. If the ball is caught whether fair or foul the batter is out.

Foul Ball:

A hit fly ball that lands outside of the fair territory — the first two foul balls count against the batter (strikes) No base runner is allowed to advance on a foul ball unless the 'fly' is caught — it then becomes a fair ball and the batter is out.

Run:

Is scored when a batter/base runner safely completes the circuit of 'the diamond' touching each base in correct order — 1st, 2nd, 3rd base and home plate.

Home Run:

Complete circuit of bases by the batter off one fair hit.

Area of Play (fair territory):

Fair territory is within the boundaries (foul lines) and forward of the 'home plate' through 1st and 3rd bases to the extremities of the ground.

The Infield:

An imaginary arc within 'fair territory' slightly to the rear and forward of the infielders (1st base, 2nd base, shortstop, 3rd base.)

The Outfield:

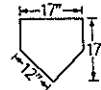
The remainder of 'fair territory' to the extremities of the playing area.

The Diamond:

The area within the bounds of the bases. Distance between bases is 90 feet.

The Home Plate:

Made of white rubber



Pitching Distance:

60ft 6in.

Size of Bases:

15 in. square 4 to 5 in. deep

The Ball:

Leather bound, weight 5 to 5¼ oz, circumference 9 to 9¼ in, stitching shape as the lines on a tennis ball.

The Bat:

One piece smooth round timber (Ash) or stressed aluminium. Length — not more than 42" and maximum diameter 2¾".

Gloves:

The catcher wears a fingerless leather mitt. All other players wear a leather glove (1st baseman sometimes wears a special mitt).

Umpires:

Home Plate Umpire — calls 'pitch' & 'home plate' decisions.
Field Umpires — call 'base' and 'field' decisions.

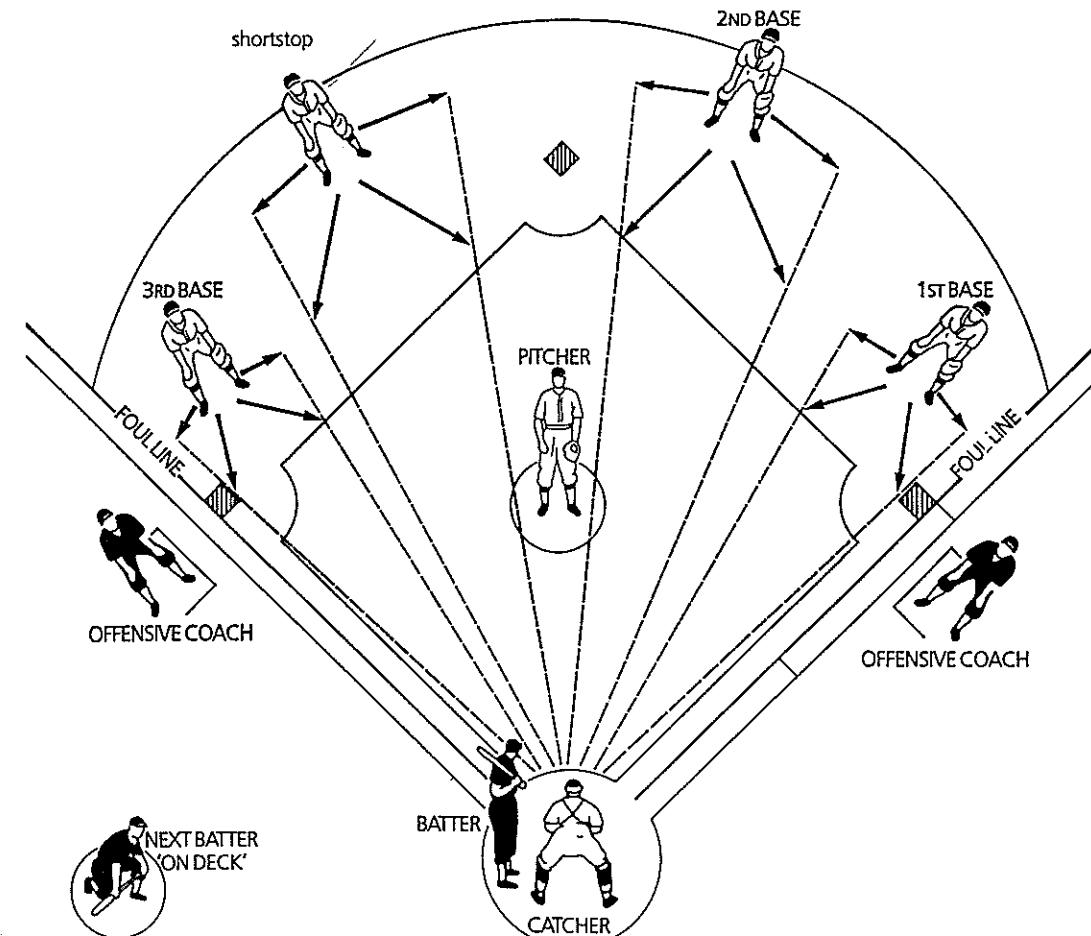
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Sunday 19th July

5th Place Playoff

Alternative Diamond 11am

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3rd place group A

3rd place group B

3rd Place Playoff

Main Diamond 11am

		V		
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2nd place group A

2nd place group B

The Final

Main Diamond 3pm

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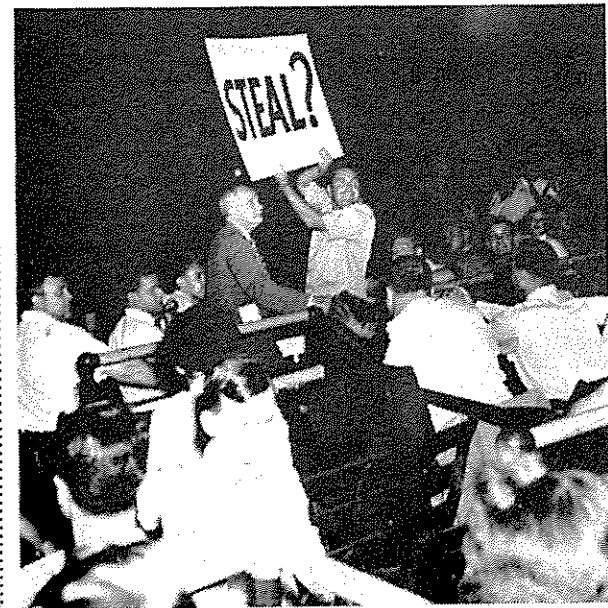
Winners group A

Winners group B

*All Saturday games will be of 7
innings duration.*

*Run difference will apply in the
event of a tied group position.*

*Presentations will be at 6pm
nately on Sunday.*



When strategy questions were posed at key junctures of an August 24, 1951, game between the St. Louis Browns and the Philadelphia Athletics, the majority ruled as 1,115 "grandstand managers" answered with a yes or no card. The promotion was another in the large arsenal of Browns Owner Bill Veeck. (See Eddie Gaedel on page 7).

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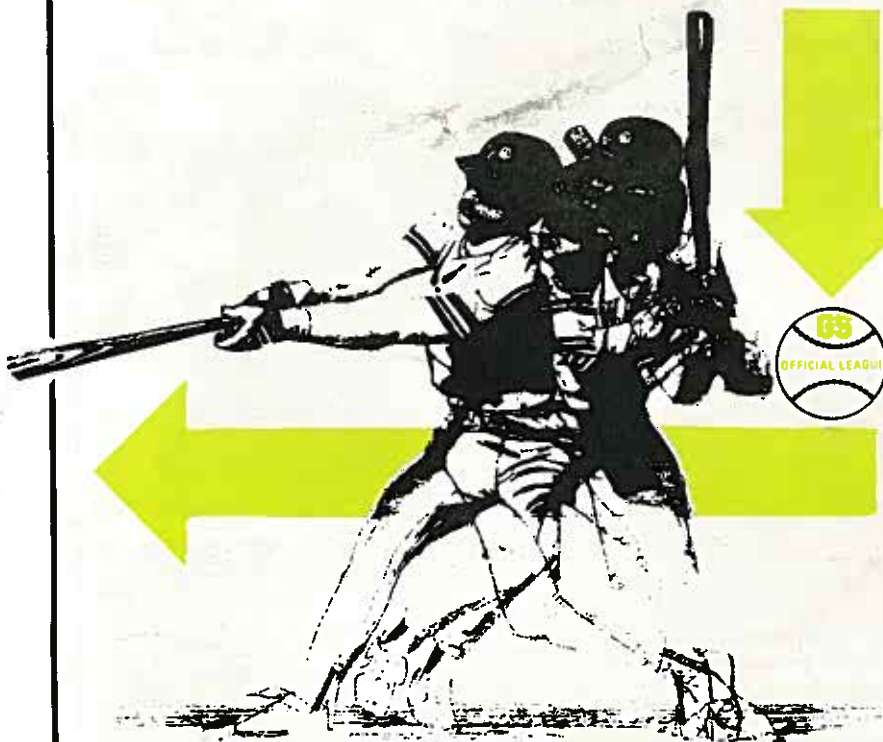
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