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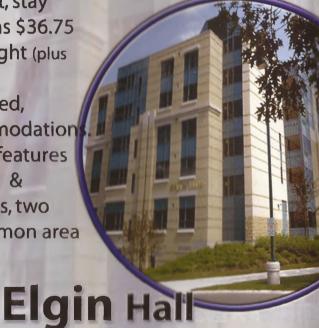
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As you know, downtown revitalization is a focal point in our community and we anticipate many exciting times in the downtown district as the London Majors entertain us during this summer season. Thanks for helping to make London the best it can be and we wish our hometown team great success!



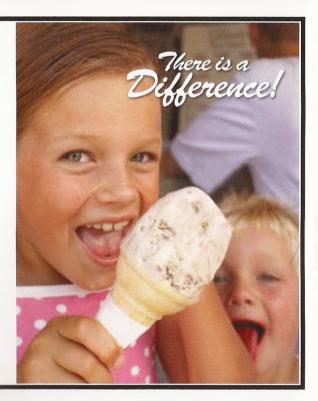


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2007 FAN MESSAGE

Welcome to 83rd Season of the London Majors membership in the Intercounty Baseball League.

Prior to the 2006 season we had hopes and dreams of making it back to the Championship Finals with hopefully a better outcome. Unfortunately we came up short again.

We had a roller coaster type season with lots of highs and lows. The lows were punctuated by getting to the IBL Championship Finals to come up short once again. The highs were the individual success of our players. We had a great cast of players as evidenced by the number of players selected as League All-Stars. The Majors were represented on the Ist Team All-Star selections by Brad McElroy as an outfield, Kyle Piwowarczyk at 2nd Base and Kevin Virtue in the outfield, and Chuck Roberts as a DH for 2nd Team All-Star honours. Also are own Rudy Vallejos won the hounor of 2006 IBL Rookie of the Year.

This is why baseball and sports in general is so great. You need talent to win games, but you also need the intangibles such as team chemistry and leadership. Fast forward to the end of the 2006 season and we were a above .500 team at 21 wins and 15 losses and we merged through the playoffs to meet the Brantford Redsox in the finals who went on to win the IBL Championship in five games.

We have been through a few changes going into the 2007 season to try and make us successful on the field, but also off the field. I would like to thank all of our sponsors, volunteers, staff, players, members of the media and our fans who make our season possible. It is great to have all of you out to our games and we want you to know that we appreciate your support.





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GENERAL MANAGER

2007 FAN MESSAGE

Last season, 2006, was my first year as the General Manager and Field Manager and we had success both on and off the field. We made it to the League Finals, unfortunately we came up short and lost to Brantford in the championship. This was probably one of the most talented London Majors team in a long-time and it showed in our play. We started the season winning our first 6 games and continued to play competitive baseball throughout the season. Off the field, we had an increase in our attendance and greater support from the business community.

As the General Manager in charge of assembling the team I was busy again this off-season recruiting players to fill our roster for the 2007 season. I am very encouraged by the additions to the team for this season. With our new recruits and a strong base of returning players we should have a very competitive team. I have stressed three main things to all of our players; HARDWORK, DEDICATION & RESPECT and we believe this is the foundation for a successful organization.

Off the field we have made great strides raising the profile of the Majors in the City. This includes some of the following: great sponsorship opportunities for all businesses, fundraising potentials for any organizations, minor ball team day at the park, group game packages, numerous activities and prizes for all home games, ball camps for kids, etc.

To our fans, I want to let them know we will provide them with an exciting and competitive team

and I want to thank them again for their continued support. For the general public please come out to the park and give our organization a chance to show you a wonderful family experience at Labatt Park. I would like to thank all our staff and volunteers for their time and effort. Without them there is no way we can play ball. Enjoy the 2007 Season! Go Majors! Roop Chandendat Roop Chanderdat Co-owner, General Manager & Field Manager London Majors Baseball www.londonmajors.com Lanzan ma Kats Eastela

2007 FAN PAGE LONDON MAJORS

NAME:

DON ADAMS

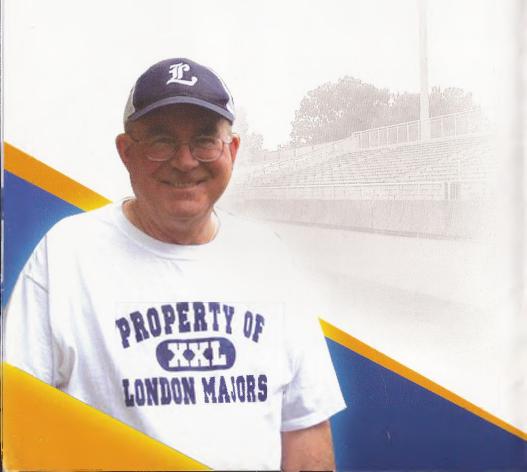
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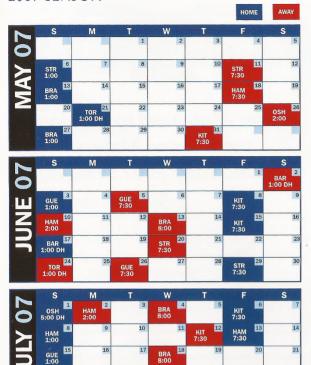
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A HISTORY OF LABATT PARK

BY: JOHN M. MILNER

The site where Labatt Park now sites was liked to have been used for recreational games, such as the precursor to baseball "rounders" which came to London with the British garrison and the United Empire Loyalists in the early 1800s.

In 1868, the London Tecumsehs Baseball Club was founded by London china merchant W.J. Reid. Nine years later, Cleveland-born oil tycoon Jacob Englehart, who was the Tecumsehs president and principal owner, moved the team to Tecumseh Park. In 1877, the Tecumsehs played in the International League, although they played (and defeated) the Boston Red Stockings (now the Atlanta Braves) in an exhibition game. Later that season, the Tecumsehs defeated the Pittsburgh Alleghenies 5-2 to win the International Association pennant. Offered membership in the National League after the season, the Tecumsehs declined. In 1883, Tecumseh Park was damaged when the Thames River flooded. The flood destroyed the Park's original grandstand. Originally home plate was located in what is now the Parks' centre field. The replacement grandstand was built facing east towards downtown London, and home plate was moved to approximately the same location as it is today.

Amateur and professional bicycle races were held in the park beginning in 1892, and in 1895, the Park was the site of the first motion picture display in London's history, an event organized by the London Bicycle Club.

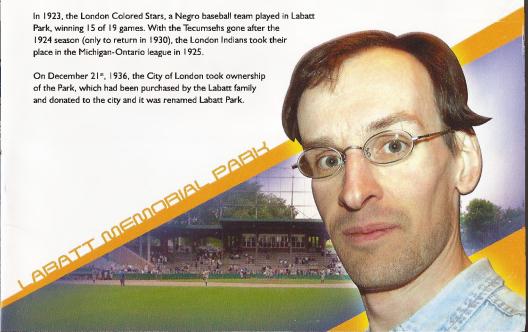
The Tecumsehs would play at Tecumseh Park during their stints in the International Association, International League, the Canadian League and the Michigan-Ontario League. The Park would also play host to the London Alerts and the London Cockneys of the International League.

The 1920 Tecumsehs (86 wins and 32 losses) were placed 52nd on a list of the Top 100 Minor League Baseball Teams of alltime, and were only narrowly defeated 5-4 by a Ty Cobb-led Detroit Tigers before 3000 people in a September 15th, 1920 exhibition game at Tecumseh Park. The Tecumsehs would place first in the Michigan-Ontario League in both the standings and in attendance, when 100, 686 people watched the Tecumsehs play over the course of the season.

In 1921, the Tecumsehs would win the Michigan-Ontario Baseball League Championship, defeating Bay City, Michigan 1-0 on September 21st and two weeks later, came back from a 3-1 deficit to win a best-of-seven series against the Central League Champions from Ludington, Michigan.

In May of that same year, the Tecumsehs hosted a losing effort in an exhibition game against the Pittsburgh Pirates, managed by London's own George (Mooney) Gibson, who also played in the game. The Pirates won 8-7 in front of 3500 people.

The Tecumsehs of the early 1920s included future Major Leaguer Charlie Gehringer, who would become a Major League Hall of Famer as a Second Baseman.



THE CHURCH OF BASEBALL

BY REV. PETER WICKERSON

Thomas Boswell is perhaps best known for his books "Why Time Begins On Opening Day" and "How Life Imitates The World Series". But he has also written about "The Church of Baseball".

In an article for Baseball: An Illustrated History, Boswell compares his mother's experience of going to church and going to the ballpark. For her, both were religious events with their "high-polish ritual and full-dress procession" where she could be "completely comfortable and able to relax".

As a baseball enthusiast for as long as I can remember and a retired Anglican minister who has preached my share of 'baseball sermons', I share many of her sentiments.

Labatt Park and the London Majors were very much part of my upbringing in the 1950's. My dad often brought me to see Frank Coleman's team in action. (It was Frank, I remember who responded to one of my letters asking how to calculate a pitcher's earned run average.)

The press box at Labatt Park was my second home in the summers of the early '60's as 'official scorer' of London's Junior Intercounty baseball teams - many of these players went on to star with the Major's.

Now I take my grandson to the ballpark. Ryan, now 7, cut his teeth on a baseball in London at Labatt Park two years ago. He savoured every pitch of a thrilling Majors' play-off game against the Guelph Royals and would not leave his seat until the very last out on what, for him, was a very late evening.

Last year he got to throw out the ceremonial first pitch before a league against the same Guelph Royals. Our St. Anne's (Byron) church choir sang the national anthem that day.

My best wishes to Roop Chanderdat, the new field manager of the Majors, and his ownership partner Scott Dart and their team this year.

The Church of Baseball? For me, there is a personal connection. Roop was one of my parishioners. I officiated at his and Cindy's wedding and baptized their daughter, Neela. From Coleman to Chanderdat - church to ballpark - generation to generation - the tradition continues.

Let's play ball!



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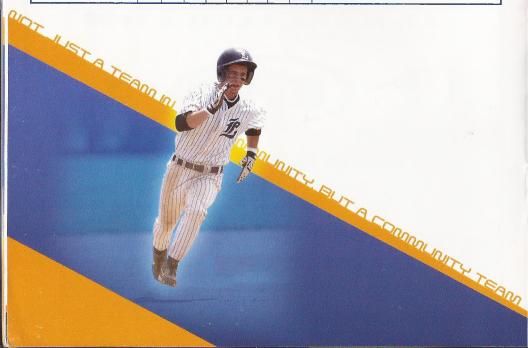
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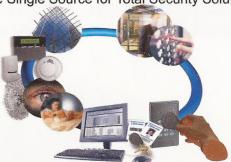
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2006 A SUCCESS FOR THE MAJORS

BY SEAN MEYER - The Londoner

The London Majors enjoyed plenty of success in 2006, not only reaching the Intercounty Baseball League championship series, but also seeing an increase in the average attendance at historic Labatt Park.

However, 2007 is a new season — one that begins May 6 at Labatt Park against the Stratford Nationals. And while the Majors will be eager to build on last season's success, they will have to do so while dealing with a couple of key injuries and the loss of some veterans players.

Still, Roop Chanderdat – the Majors' co-owner, general manager and field manager – says London baseball fans shouldn't assume any less success this year.

"We're a younger team this year for sure. We had a successful season last year (the Majors lost the championship series in five games to the Brantford Red Sox) and that led to us losing some quality players. Some left for what they thought were better leagues, for better scouted leagues, for what they saw as better opportunities. So we had to make some changes," says Roop, who owns the Majors along with Scott Dart. "We have added some great young players this year. We have three players from the Canadian junior national team. We are still going to be competitive, but the development of these players is going to be important."

Those three junior national team players are catcher Chris Dennis (who was drafted by the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, however didn't sign with the team and will go back into the Major League Baseball amateur draft), outfielder Matt McCarney (also drafted by Tampa Bay) and outfielder Mitch Delaney.

"I'm excited by these three guys. It's just a matter of how they adjust to our game. These guys all have the talent to be in this league," Roop says. "We need these three guys to step up. We probably need three pitchers to step up too. If that happens, we will be in good shape. That's also assuming our veterans step up too."

When it comes to his veterans, Roop says he expects strong seasons from returning players such as infielder Chuck Roberts, who hit .333 last season – after a two-year break from playing – and was a second-team all-star; pitcher Josh Palmer, who went 5-4 with three saves in 2006; and Rudy Vallejos, who was named the IBL Rookie of the Year. "Chuck is going to be a big player for us. Josh was one of the most valuable players we had; he could close, start, he was there wherever I needed him," Roop says. "Rudy Vallejos put up great numbers; he was rookie of the year. We need him to step up his game in his second year. I think he is capable of that."

For his part, Chuck is looking forward to continued success this season.

"I think anything less than what we accomplished last year would be disappointing. With the guys we have coming back, with the new guys we have. I think we can be a good team," Chuck says. "I think if we can get the pitching, which is the big story in the league, you need three top pitchers to be successful, than we will win our share of games."



(continued 2006 A SUCCESS FOR THE MAJORS) By SEAN MEYER - The Londoner

Outfielder Kevin Virtue had arm surgery while also dealing with the effects of a broken foot while infielder Kyle Piwowarczyk broke his wrist playing hockey and is still dealing with complications.

"We are banged up going in. Kyle is dealing with complications from his broken wrist. In hockey you can just put a cast on it and get back out, but you can't play ball that way," Roop says. "Kevin is coming back from some significant injuries. Kevin is the biggest gamer we have. If it was anyone else I wouldn't think they would be ready for the season, but Kevin, I think he should be ready."

On the business side of things, Roop says there are many positives as well.

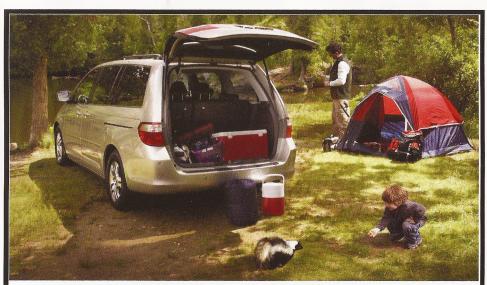
"Our attendance increased last year, probably in the 425-450 range. We are getting close to an average of 500 which we have always seen as significant. I think we really captured the hearts and mind of London ball fans. We started 6-0, 8-1, and I think we really caught some people's interest," Roop says. "The hardcore ball fans will come, but I think we are starting to reach that casual fan. The media that covers us has really helped with that. We have a lot of youth baseball teams coming out, schools. We are getting our players more involved in the community."

Chuck says the growing community connection to the Majors is something he cares quite a bit about.

"I know we are always looking to do what we can to put people in the seats. It's always fun to play in front of big crowds. I know London has had some bad history with the Werewolves leaving, the Tigers leaving, but I like what Scott and Roop are doing," Chuck says. "The next three or four years I think you will see coming to watch the Majors become like going to a Knights game. A smaller version of that yes. But people coming out, filling the stands, kids coming out too and having fun. I think you will see that happen."

Want more info?

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London	36	21	15	.583	5
Kitchener	36	17	19	.472	9
Guelph	36	15	21	.417	-11
Hamilton	36	14	22	.389	12
Oshawa	36	14	22	.389	12
Stratford	36	6	30	.167	20

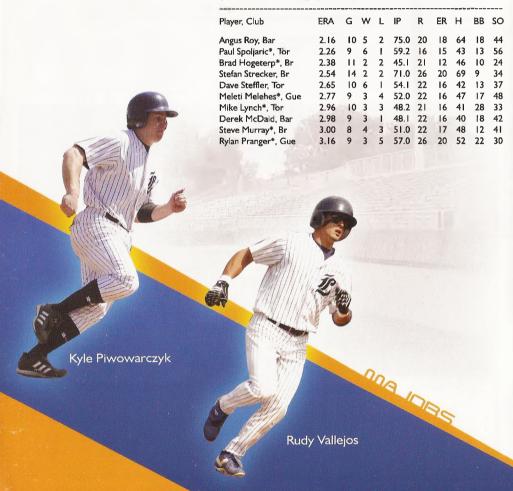
INDIVIDUAL BATTING LEADERS

(109 or more plate appearances)

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Damon Topolie, Tor	.376	33	117	16	44	4	0	2	3	20
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Kyle Piwowarczyk, Lon	.354	36	127	36	45	6	0	0	19	12
Jordan Lundberg, Bar	.341	35	132	34	45	3	2	12	ı	40
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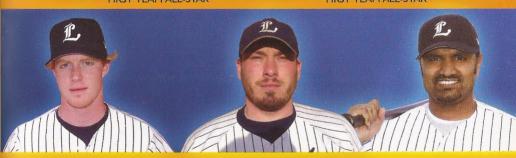
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GEORGE GIBSON

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Born in London, Ontario on July 22, 1880 near Tecumseh Park (now Labatt Memorial Park), George C. Gibson was the son of a bricklayer and even learned the trade himself after working for his father. Known for his moon shaped face, it is believed that Gibson actually earned his nickname of "Moon" while playing for a boyhood sandlot team called "the Mooneys".

Even before he set foot on a baseball diamond, Gibson had a family link to baseball. Gibson was also a nephew of William Southam, founder of Southam Newspapers in 1904 and brother of Richard Southam, manager of the London Tecumsehs baseball team in 1877.

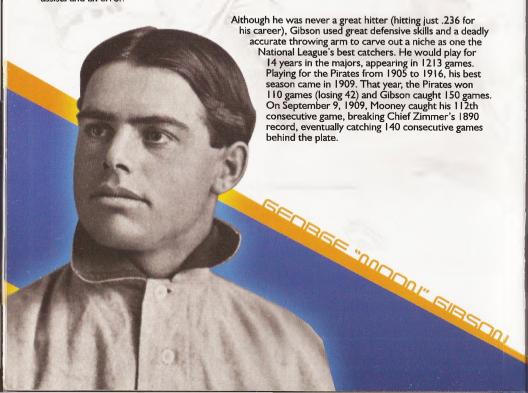
He began playing as a second baseman, but his strong throwing arm soon made it clear he'd have a future as a catcher and by 12 he was playing that position on his church league's Knox Baseball Club, later gaining further experience with the Canadian League's West London Stars and the London City League's Struthers and McClary clubs.

In 1900, Gibson married Margaret McMurphy and the couple had three children, George Jr., William, and Marguerite.

Gibson's first professional game came in 1903 when he played with Kingston, New York of the Hudson River League. By August, however, his contract was purchased by the Eastern League's Buffalo Bisons, managed by George Stallings. Joining the Bisons on September 2nd, replacing the Bisons' first baseman who had been injured, Gibson hit a single off George "Hooks" Wiltse, who later played for 12 seasons with the New York Giants.

Released to the Eastern League's Montreal Royals (allegedly because he talked back to his manager, who rebuked him for missing a sign) at the end of the 1903 season, Gibson would spend a season and a half in Montreal. During the 1904 season, he hit .204, only to hit .290 during the first half of the 1905 season.

Gibson's stats during that first half of the 1905 season impressed enough so that Montreal sold him to the Pittsburg Pirates in late-June. At the age of 24, he debuted for the Pirates on July 2, 1905 during a 4-1 loss to the Cincinnati Reds. Gibson caught veteran pitcher Deacon Phillipi who, in 1903, had won the very first World Series game (besting the Boston Americans' Cy Young). Gibson recorded six put outs, two assists and an error.



(George Gibson continued)

Despite the wear and tear on his body, Gibson had one of his best seasons at the plate in 1909, hitting .265 with 25 doubles, nine triples, two home runs, and 52 RBI. A Gibson double hit on June 29th, 1909 was the final hit in Pittsburgh's Exposition Park. A single by the catcher the next day was the Pirates' first hit at the new Forbes Field.

By the eve of the 1909 World Series, the press was calling Gibson "far and away the best catcher in the National League". Gibson appeared in all six games and hit .240 with 2 RBI for the victorious Pirates during the World Series, played against Ty Cobb and the Detroit Tigers.

Traveling back to London after winning the Series, Gibson was mobbed by 5000 cheering fans (from a city whose population was approximately 35,000 at the time), at the train station to greet him.

1909 was also the first time that Gibson led all National League catchers in fielding percentage (a feat he would repeat in 1910 and 1912). Injuries curtailed Gibson's playing time in 1912 and 1913, but he rebounded to hit a career best .285 during the 1914 season.

In August 1916, Gibson, at the age of 36, was placed on waivers. After being claimed by the New York Giants, Gibson refused to report that year. John McGraw persuaded Gibson to join the Giants as a player-coach in 1917 and in May 1918, Gibson also became a coach for Sacramento of the Pacific Coast League.

In addition to coaching, Gibson continued to play major league baseball for the Giants.

The 1918 season was cut short due to World War I, and Gibson played his last game on August 20, 1918 (ironically in a 10-2 loss to the Pirates at Forbes Field). Gibson returned to his farm in Delaware, although he returned to baseball in 1919 to coach the Toronto Maple Leafs of the International League.

Gibson would spend one season in Toronto before returning to the Pirates, this time as a manager from 1920 to 1922. He was named by owner Barney Dreyfus to replace Bill McKechnie. The Piratess finished 2nd in 1921 but a year later, Gibson quit in mid-season, with a 201-171 record.

In spite of his success in the American-based baseball world, Gibson remained true to his roots in London and area. He kept a home on Central Avenue where his neighbours where the Labatts. Socializing with John and Hugh Labatt, it is believed that Gibson convinced the Labatts to purchase and upgrade Tecumseh Park, then donate the park (later known as Labatt Park) to the city.

After being a coach for the Washington Senators in 1923, Gibson again returned to Ontario, only to become the manager of the Chicago Cubs as a hurried replacement on September 3rd 1925. The Cubs went 12-14th under Gibson during the final 26 games and finished in 8th place. Although he wasn't brought back as manager, Gibson became a scout for the team,

He returned to manage the Pirates in 1932, being rehired by new owner Bill Benswanger. Although the Pirates finished in second place in both the 1932 and 1933 seasons under Gibson, he was fired after a slow start to the 1934 season.

Known as a strict disciplinarian, Gibson's intolerance of mental mistakes and temperament made him unable to manage locker-room politics. He would however, record a lifetime .546 winning percentage as a manager and was the last Canadian-born manager in the big leagues to date.

Gibson would remain active in baseball, serving as the vice-president of the Pirates' London farm club in the Pennsylvania-Ontario-New York League in 1940-41 as well as sponsoring amateur clubs. After his baseball career ended, he returned to his farm with his wife and children, enjoying gardening and hunting and even became an expert curler.

The first baseball player inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame in 1958, George Gibson died of cancer in Victoria Hospital on January 25, 1967 at the age of 86 and is buried at Campbell Cemetery in Komoka, Ontario.

Named Canada's baseball player of the half century in 1958, Gibson was elected to the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in 1987 and was one of the inaugural 10 inductees to the London Sports Hall of Fame in 2001.

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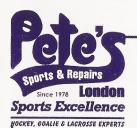




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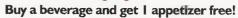
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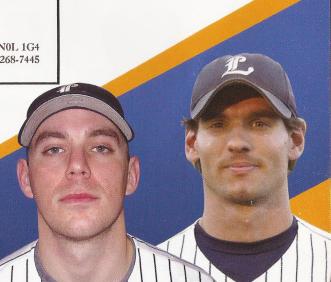
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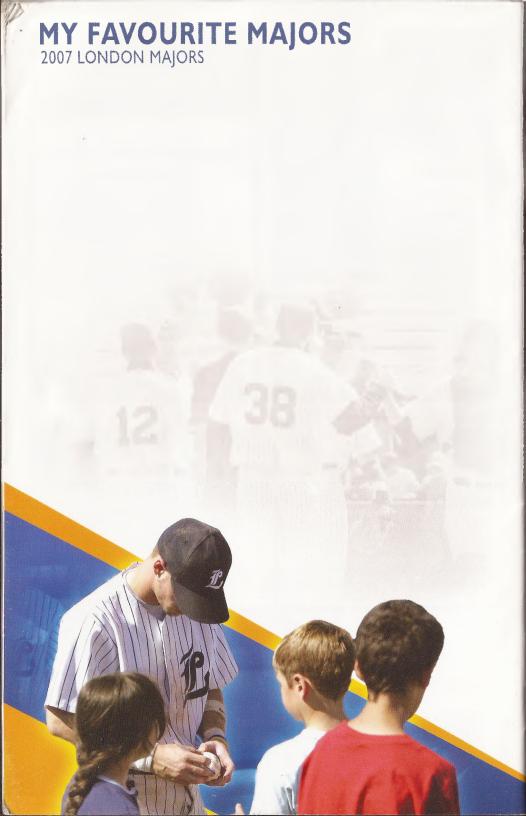
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