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## PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Welcome to another great season of London Majors baseball!

I want to say up front that the London Majors organization appreciates the support of our fans, volunteers, media, sponsors and our players. Truly emphasizes our slogan of 'Not just a team in the community, but a community team'. It's amazing how much effort it takes to put an entire season together from the pre-season to the post season. Never has this been more evident than last season when I was not able to participate in the season. Our volunteers did an amazing job of picking up what needed to be done to make the season as much a success as possible while I was out of commission.

This season promises to be an exciting one with the recruiting that has been done during the off season. We have some great players on the team this season that will be sure to bring a lot of excitement to each and every game. As a fan, I'm looking forward to seeing our team in action against the other teams in the IBL. We bowed out early last season, but with the start of the first pitch of the new season it brings new hopes and aspirations for a return to a successful 2008 season.

I want to thank all of the individuals that kept me in their thoughts last season and I'm sure my recovery would have taken longer without the positive thoughts from everyone. So thank you for your support from the bottom of my heart.

I look forward to the new season and seeing a lot of familiar faces at the forks of the Thames for some exciting baseball.

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Scott Dart  
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Sunday, June 22	Stratford vs London Majors	1 pm
Tuesday, July 1	Oshawa vs London Majors DH	5 pm
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## MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE

Last season, 2007, was my second year as the General Manager and Field Manager and we had some success both on and off the field. We had 3 players drafted by Major League Baseball (MLB) and one additional player signed as a free agent with an MLB team at the end of the season. This was exciting for our organization and showed that the Majors are on the MLB baseball map. Our record in 2007 was 15-21 and this was good for 7<sup>th</sup> place but only 3 games out of 4<sup>th</sup> place. We made the playoffs however we lost to Brantford in the 1<sup>st</sup> round. Off the field, we again had an increase in our attendance and continued support from the business community.

As the General Manager in charge of assembling the team, I worked hard again this off-season recruiting players to fill our roster for 2008. This was my busiest off-season yet and I am very encouraged by the additions to the team. We only have 7 returning players from last year. With our new recruits and a core 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.

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I want to thank our loyal fans for their support and I look forward to seeing them out at all our games. I would also 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 2008 Season! Go Majors!

*Roop Chanderdat*

Roop Chanderdat

Co-owner, General Manager & Field Manager

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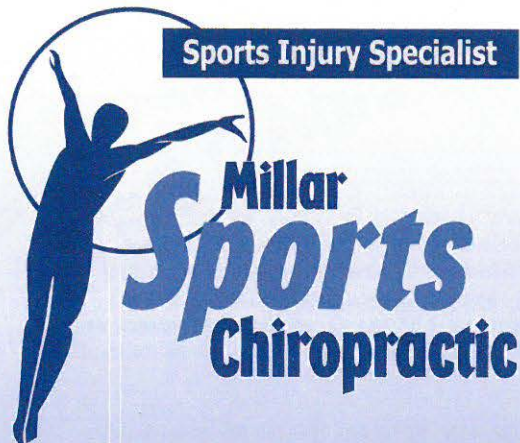
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## Gabby let his bat do all the talking

By BRUCE HUFF



You can add Stan (Gabby) Anderson to the list of former Majors who have gained hall of fame status. The soft-spoken Gabby, who earned his nickname not for being outspoken but because he said little as a teen-age prospect, is among the London Sports Hall of Fame inductees for 2008.

It's a well-deserved honour, too. He patrolled right field for 12 years with Majors and Pontiacs teams, winning the Intercounty batting title in 1960 with a nifty .391 average and earning first-team all-star status six times. In 1959 he was the Intercounty most valuable player.

Want more? Well, in 1957, the first year he joined the Majors under Frank Colman -- they were in the Great Lakes League -- Gabby took the batting title with a .403 average and was MVP in that loop.

Like Colman, the affable ex-Yankee, Gabby grew up in the East End and learned his baseball on the playgrounds. The fact that he was a teen practice player with the Majors when they won the National

Baseball Congress North American championship in 1948 helped spur him to a minor pro stint with Peoria, Ill. and Olean, N.Y. At Peoria he earned rookie of the year honours with a .350 batting average.

Gabby was born in Detroit on Nov. 29, 1929, the oldest of six boys. The Anderson family moved to London when he was only a few months old.

He joins George (Mooney) Gibson, Colman, Tom (Tim) Burgess, and Arden Eddie as members of the London Hall. The first three are also enshrined in the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame in St. Marys.

The '48 Majors were put into the London Hall during the first wave of inductees in 2002. Only three guys from that team -- Jack Iairs, Gil Robertson and Joe Bechard are living.

Look for all of these Hall of Famers plus players and umpires from yesteryear to be part of "Oldtimers Day at the Ball Park" on Sunday, July 6 when they will be honoured between games of the Majors-Toronto doubleheader. It starts at 1 p.m.

(Bruce Huff: London Sports Hall of Fame Inductee 2008-Founder/Builder Modern)



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## MAJORS

HOME AWAY

MAY 08

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
HAM 2:00	11	12	13	14	KIT 7:30	15
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HAM 1:00	22	23	24	25	26	27
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BRA - Barrie Baycats  
 BRA - Brantford Red Sox  
 GUE - Guelph Royals  
 HAM - Hamilton Thunderbirds

KIT - Kitchener Panthers  
 OSH - Oshawa Dodgers  
 STR - Stratford Nationals  
 TOR - Toronto Maple Leafs

### MAY EVENT DAYS

**Sunday, May 25th**  
 Parkwood Hospital Seniors' Day

### JUNE EVENT DAYS

**Sunday, June 8th**  
 FREE LBB Day at the park

**Sunday, June 15th**  
 Sifton Day

### JULY EVENT DAYS

**Tuesday, July 1st**  
 Performance by Blue Haven Band

**Friday, July 4th**  
 Southwest London Baseball Association Group Night

**Sunday, July 6th**  
 London Oldtimers' Day

**Sunday, July 13th**  
 RogersTV Fan Day

**Friday, July 18th**  
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# 2008 ROSTER

## MAJORS



Kevin Virtue - OF



Mike Galloway - OF



Christian Ruiz - OF



Denten Neil - OF



Kyle Piwowarczyk - IF



David Narodowski - IF



Toshi Sasa - IF



Vince Burke - IF



Ryan McGowan - IF



Rick Ross - IF



Will Richards - C



Jason Wiles - C



Mike Mitro - P



Adam Echlin - P



Ted Kalnins - P



Josh Palmer - P



Geoff Mann - P



Pierre Miville Deschênes - P



Jeff Newnes - P



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## London Majors Pitcher Ted Alexander aided baseball legend Jackie Robinson

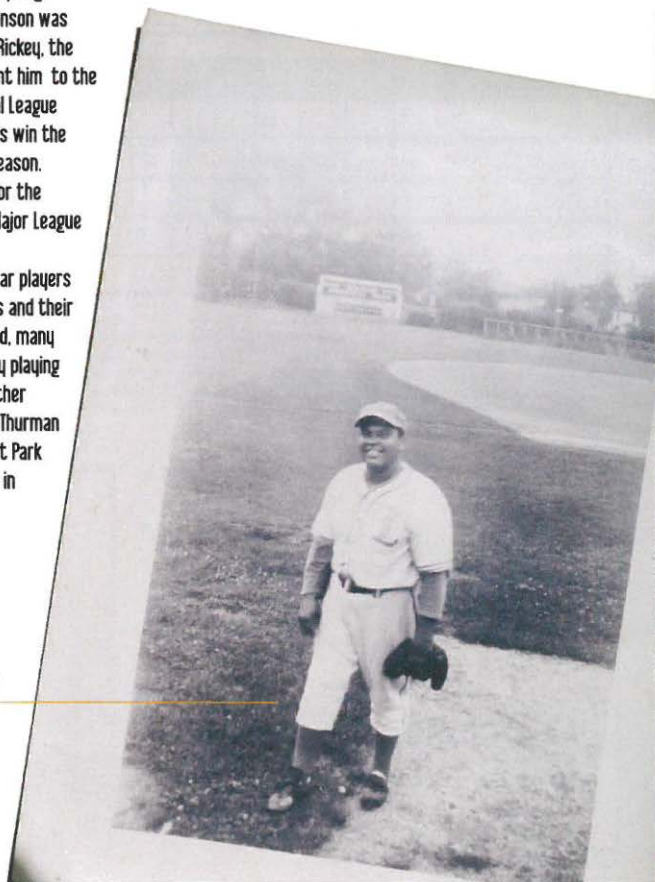
By Stephen Harding

Ted Alexander, formerly of the U.S. Negro Leagues, pitched for the London Majors of the Intercounty Baseball League in 1950 & 1951. Dan "Uncle Buck" Mendham recalls: "Ted came to London from Detroit driving a shiny new 1950 Ford Mercury. He was a happy-go-lucky guy, a bit of a showman, yakking all the time. Ted always had a can of wax in his hand, polishing that car. During the baseball season he lived with a black family in a house on Clarence St. south of Horton St. He was real heavy and the Majors didn't have a uniform big enough to fit him. He started the season in his Homestead Grays outfit. Ted got by pretty good in what was a very tough league. It was big business then, lots of imports were being signed. I think he was here for part of the '51 season and played in Brandon, Manitoba after that."

Alexander had pitched for the Homestead Grays and the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro National League. During the winter he barnstormed in Venezuela, Puerto Rico and Hawaii. During WW2 he played for the US Army major leaguers. In the fall of 1944, Alexander was at Camp Breckinridge, Ky., when Jackie Robinson happened to see him pitching. Robinson was awaiting his discharge from the US Army, and looking for a career to follow. Alexander encouraged Robinson to contact the Kansas City Monarchs and play professional baseball in the Negro Leagues. Robinson joined the Monarchs at their training camp in Texas the following spring.

While playing with the Monarchs Robinson was scouted by the Brooklyn Dodgers. Branch Rickey, the Dodgers manager, signed Robinson and sent him to the Montreal Royals, the Dodgers International League affiliate in 1946. Robinson helped the Royals win the International League championship that season. In 1947 Robinson started at second base for the Brooklyn Dodgers and the integration of Major League Baseball began.

Soon the Negro Leagues lost their star players and young prospects to the Major Leagues and their fan base melted away. As the teams folded, many players extended their baseball careers by playing in Canada. Wilmer Fields, Jimmy Wilkes, Luther Clifford, Max Manning, Lester Lockett, Bob Thurman and Doc Glenn made appearances at Labatt Park playing in the Intercounty Baseball League in the 1950s.



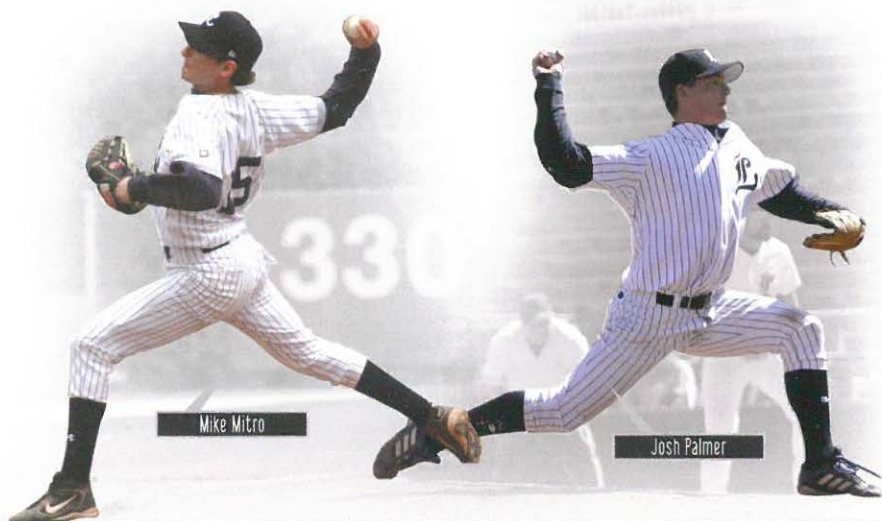
Former London Major Ted Alexander

# SCOREBOARD

## MAJORS

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Pitchers	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	WW	W/L	Double Plays
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									3BH
									HR
									Passed Balls
									SH- SF-





Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	AB	R	H	RBI	SB	E
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1. Pitcher
2. Catcher
3. First Baseman
4. Second Baseman
5. Third Baseman

6. Shortstop  
7. Left Fielder  
8. Centre Fielder  
9. Right Fielder  
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- Single \_\_\_\_\_  
Double \_\_\_\_\_  
Triple \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Run \_\_\_\_\_  
Sacrifice - SH \_\_\_\_\_  
Walk - BB \_\_\_\_\_

- Strikeout - K  
Balk - BK  
Foul Fly - F  
Fielders Choice - FC  
Hit by Pitcher - HP  
Wild Pitch - WP

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## Majors makeover means new faces, new hopes

By SEAN MEYER  
The Londoner



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Just call it Extreme Makeover: The London Majors Edition. Following a 2007 Intercounty Baseball League (IBL) season that didn't exactly go according to plan, Roop Chanderdat decided his team needed an almost complete makeover. The end result is a 2008 edition of the Majors which will see only a half-dozen or so players returning from a roster that finished seventh in the IBL regular season and was swept out of the playoffs in the first round by the Brantford Red Sox.

"I want to win so I knew this team had to be revamped. There were some guys we targeted to come back, but I knew we had to improve this team," says Roop who besides being London's co-owner is also the team's general manager and field manager as well. "There were guys I knew I wanted back. I had a third baseman and a right fielder; that meant I had seven other positions to go. I knew it was going to be my busiest off-season ever, but I was also excited by the challenge."

The core of players Roop wanted back included Kyle Piwowarczyk (.373, six stolen bases, 22 RBIs), Kevin Virtue (.288, 43 total bases, 20 RBIs), Mike Mitro (10 games, two wins, 20 strikeouts), Ted Kalmis (nine games, one save, 10 strikeouts) and Josh Palmer (5-6, five wins, 40 strikeouts). "Kyle was a second-team all-star. You know what you get from him. Kyle was worried when we moved him from second to third base, but by the end of the season he was right up there with the very best in the league," Roop says. Josh led the way for us with five wins. He didn't get going early because of the pressure of possibly being drafted, and when he didn't, that affected him too. But down the stretch he was great with four wins. He was our most valuable pitcher. Mike is a guy who is dedicated to London and Ted is a London guy, he knows his role and is always right there, giving his all."

After a busy winter of player signings, Roop says he is happy with the team he has assembled. That team will begin the 2008 IBL this Saturday, May 10, in Guelph. London plays its first three games this season on the road before opening up the home schedule, Sunday, May 18, against the Stratford Nationals.

Among those players Roop is most excited about adding are Toshi Sasa, an infielder/outfielder who played for the Fullerton Flyers of the Golden Baseball League in 2006, batting .271, Mike Galloway, a former member of the Toronto Blue Jays and Kansas City Royals organizations who won a homerun title in the independent Frontier League, and Canadian national junior team members Dave Narodowski and Mehdi Djebbar.

Roop is particularly happy to have signed former Stratford Nationals second-team all-star Will Richards who hit .312 with six home runs and 24 RBIs last season.

"We've never had a number one catcher who stayed with us (former catcher Chris Dennis left the Majors after signing with the Milwaukee Brewers who selected him during last summer's Major League Baseball amateur draft) and now we've added Will Richards," Roop says. "I have coached Will at the all-star game two years in a row now and he definitely fills that number one role."

Other additions include Christian Ruiz, who was listed among the top 100 players in Puerto Rico, and Mitch Delaney, who Roop says is expected to be selected within the first eight rounds of this year's amateur draft.

While the team has seven players returning from last season, there is one other significant returnee who actually missed all of last season. Scott Dart, the Majors' co-owner and team president, was dealing with pancreatitis last year, but is back in good health and looking forward to not only helping run the business-side of the Majors, but watching a lot of action on the diamond as well.

"I am looking forward to seeing a lot of baseball his year. It was very frustrating last year, not being able to be here. At least I could watch the games on Rogers," Scott says. "I kept in touch a little, but it was hard to watch the games knowing I couldn't be there, couldn't be a real part of the team."

This season, however, Scott says he is looking forward to coming out to Labatt Park and seeing an exciting team on the field.

"I see the program Roop has put together and I am excited. I believe it's going to be a competitive team, I'm excited about what is going to happen," Scott says. "I think you have your elite teams, Brantford, Toronto, Barrie, and then a group right after that. We are right there. We feel we could be there in that top four. If you look at the pieces Roop has added, we could be a real good team." Scott also says the off-field business of the Majors is also looking positive as well.

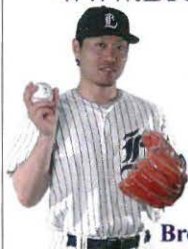
"We've had good contacts with the community, we are looking to get more groups involved. If things pan out, I think you will see that happen and more fans coming out," Scott says. "If everything goes according to plan I think we'll average around 500 fans for our regular season games. Special events like Canada Day, Father's Day, opening day, we expect they will be much bigger." While Roop shies away from predicting wins and losses, he does say with a smile he is hoping to maintain an interesting recent trend. The past four years has seen the Majors alternate between reaching the league finals and losing in the first round of the playoffs and London is coming off a first round sweep last season.

"I don't know about wins and losses. I think we are going to be a good team though," Roop says. "I think we will be a competitive team on the field. We'll just have to see what happens."



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## INDIVIDUAL BATTING LEADERS

(111 or more plate appearances)

Player, Club	PCT	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	SB	RBI
Joe Colameco, Tor	.416	29	113	34	47	7	1	8	6	26
Matt Logan, Tor	.391	28	110	23	43	4	0	7	2	31
Jeff Pietraszko, Kit	.390	34	141	43	55	7	3	10	13	30
Hyoung Cho, Br	.389	30	131	23	51	6	1	4	3	23
Justin Wendt, Kit	.380	31	121	27	46	3	0	4	5	13
Steve Lewis, Osh	.374	27	91	16	34	6	0	0	8	9
Kyle Piwowarczyk, Lon	.373	36	134	33	50	6	0	1	6	22
Tom Robertson, Ham	.361	35	144	27	52	6	11	1	4	12
Josh McCurdy, Br	.358	35	148	43	53	8	2	4	22	33
Adam Vella, Br	.346	32	107	22	37	5	0	1	6	20

## INDIVIDUAL PITCHING LEADERS

(45 or more innings pitched)

Player, Club	ERA	G	W	L	IP	R	ER	H	BB	SO
Brett Gray, Br	1.67	9	6	2	54.0	10	10	47	3	31
Nibaldo Acosta*, Ham	2.06	10	5	1	56.2	24	13	51	14	55
Lee Witmer, Kit	2.17	13	6	2	66.1	31	16	66	35	23
Brad Hogeterp*, Br	2.24	11	8	1	72.1	24	18	67	25	50
Scott Robinson, Osh	2.27	12	2	2	47.2	18	12	38	11	40
Meleti Melehes*, Gue	2.32	9	7	2	62.0	20	16	44	20	67
Paul Spoljaric*, Tor	2.60	12	10	1	86.2	26	25	73	17	62
Jon Lockwood, Tor	2.96	11	7	0	51.2	25	17	45	11	35
Stefan Strecker, Br	3.43	10	6	2	65.2	32	25	71	4	35
Jason Pilkington*, Gue	3.96	9	5	1	52.1	32	23	57	16	49

Jess Bechard



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players please visit [www.londonmajors.com](http://www.londonmajors.com)



## TEAM STATS

BATTING	PCT	OB%	G	PA	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SB	BB	SO	RBI
Kyle Piwowarczyk	.373	.446	36	157	134	33	50	6	0	1	59	6	17	10	22
Karl Aronite	.353	.450	14	60	51	11	18	1	0	5	34	0	8	7	13
Rudy Vallejos	.309	.409	25	115	97	25	30	5	0	1	38	14	10	21	6
Jason Wiles	.292	.346	21	52	48	7	14	2	0	1	19	3	2	13	9
Kevin Virtue	.288	.404	33	141	118	21	34	3	0	2	43	0	23	24	20
Ryan Gauthier	.255	.351	31	111	94	22	24	5	0	2	35	9	12	20	15
Chuck Roberts	.237	.343	33	140	118	18	28	6	1	1	39	1	14	22	8
Mitch Delaney	.226	.298	31	121	106	10	24	5	1	5	46	2	10	23	15
Jason Kloibhofer	.226	.288	22	59	53	5	12	1	0	1	16	0	2	14	7
Vince Burke	.206	.275	34	120	107	21	22	4	1	0	28	4	9	19	11
Matt McCarney	.203	.315	26	92	79	12	16	6	1	0	24	4	4	17	9
Alex Arango	.133	.293	23	75	60	7	8	1	0	0	9	0	14	14	3
Casey Pulham	.000	.000	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0

PITCHING	G	GS	CG	W	L	S	ERA	IP	R	ER	H	HR	BB	SO	HB	WP
Adam Gautreau	2	2	0	0	1	0	2.45	11.0	3	3	7	0	5	8	1	2
Tom VanKasteren*	12	10	2	4	6	0	4.26	63.1	37	30	68	6	10	46	7	2
Josh Palmer	14	8	1	5	6	0	5.45	71.0	51	43	83	1	33	40	10	5
Will Stewardson	7	1	0	0	1	0	5.79	14.0	9	9	20	2	6	6	1	5
Mike Mitro	10	4	1	2	0	0	5.91	32.0	21	21	37	3	12	20	4	2
Andrew Lafleur*	10	2	0	1	3	0	6.75	22.2	19	17	28	3	9	20	0	4
Max Escrogin	12	0	0	0	0	2	7.27	17.1	14	14	22	2	16	10	1	3
Daniel Hayes	7	4	0	2	2	0	7.77	24.1	25	21	33	4	9	10	4	3
Ted Kainins	9	0	0	0	0	1	9.82	11.0	12	12	15	1	17	10	3	2
Kirk Martin*	3	2	0	0	1	0	11.7	9.2	13	12	20	0	2	6	0	2
Anthony Carlo	2	0	0	0	0	0	13.50	1.1	2	2	2	0	1	3	1	1



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Tom Van Kasteren

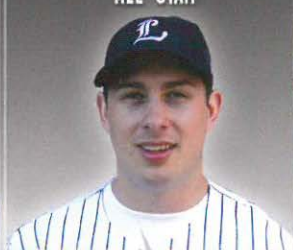
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Kyle Piwowarczyk

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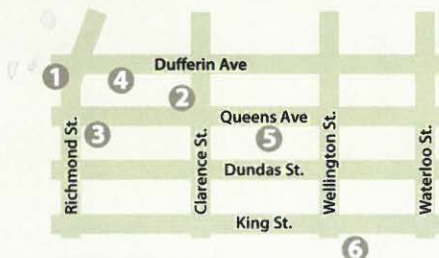
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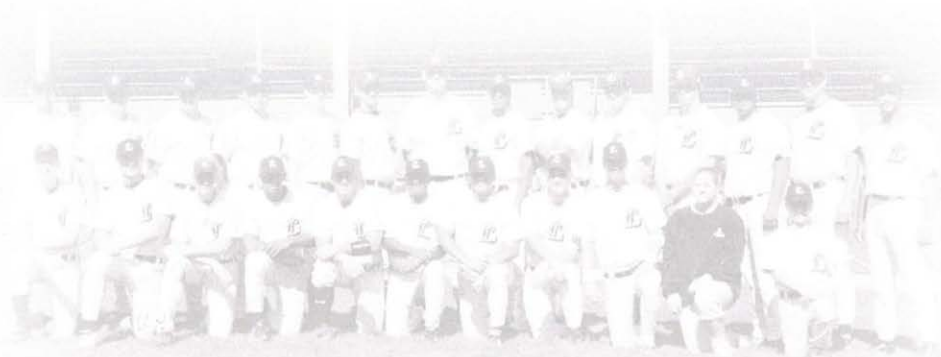
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