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We have planned special promotion evenings with lucky draw prizes to encourage attendance. Tell your friends about these and other events such as the Nicaragua team visiting our field in July and, of course, the excitement of the play offs. Its always an enjoyable night out for the whole family when you come to Labatt Park for the London Majors' games.

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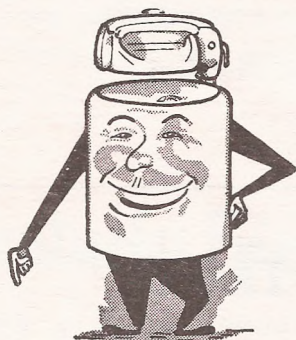


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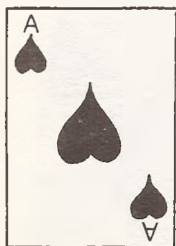
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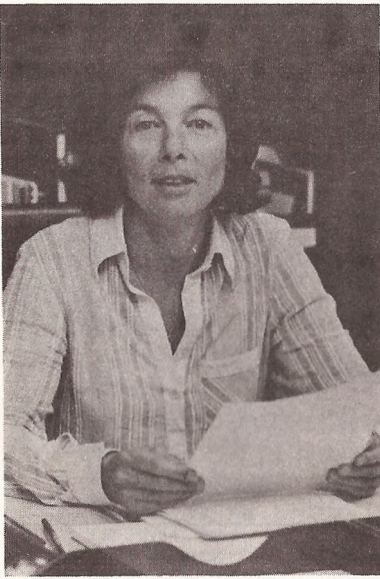
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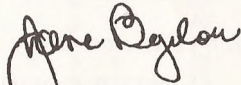


Mayor's Message

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the City of London, I am pleased to greet all who are attending this baseball game, featuring the London Majors. Your support of the team goes a long way towards assuring a spirited contention on the diamond.

Londoners are fortunate indeed to be represented in the Inter-County Baseball League by such a high calibre team as the Majors and I join with their fans in wishing them a highly successful season.

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Jane Bigelow,
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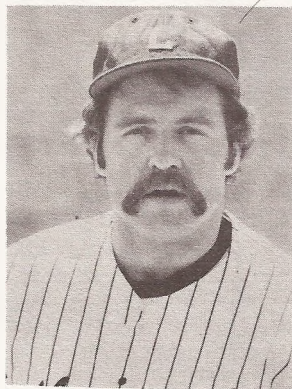
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REID HEFFERNAN *Field Mgr., Designated Hitter*

Heff starts his 2nd full term as field boss for the Majors in 1978. A veteran of I-C play, Reid also doubles as a designated hitter, putting together 3 consecutive .300 plus years as a player coach, including .324 last year, while maintaining the managerial duties. A hard working student of the game, Heff started preparing for the 1978 campaign the day after the Majors lost to Brantford in last year's semi-finals. A fundamentalist, Heffernan has been running this year's Majors through a rigorous spring in search of his first I-C title.



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1978 INTER-COUNTY MAJOR LEAGUE BATTING

BATTING

| CLUB | PCT | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | SB | BB | SO | RBI |
|----------------|------|----|------|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| London | .306 | 32 | 1177 | 222 | 360 | 61 | 12 | 31 | 35 | 133 | 172 | 196 |
| Brantford | .285 | 32 | 1168 | 193 | 333 | 61 | 9 | 26 | 22 | 132 | 147 | 168 |
| Cambridge | .272 | 32 | 1147 | 188 | 312 | 39 | 22 | 17 | 22 | 148 | 186 | 156 |
| Toronto | .271 | 32 | 1151 | 186 | 312 | 53 | 7 | 21 | 40 | 81 | 144 | 153 |
| Kitchener-Wat. | .269 | 33 | 1096 | 165 | 295 | 43 | 6 | 7 | 26 | 150 | 129 | 127 |
| Stratford | .268 | 33 | 1089 | 206 | 292 | 41 | 15 | 26 | 32 | 165 | 187 | 151 |
| Hamilton | .263 | 32 | 1121 | 185 | 295 | 39 | 28 | 10 | 31 | 93 | 223 | 150 |
| Guelph | .255 | 32 | 1124 | 171 | 287 | 43 | 13 | 13 | 27 | 117 | 179 | 134 |
| St. Thomas | .239 | 32 | 1078 | 145 | 258 | 29 | 8 | 19 | 39 | 103 | 196 | 128 |

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS — 99 or more plate appearances to qualify

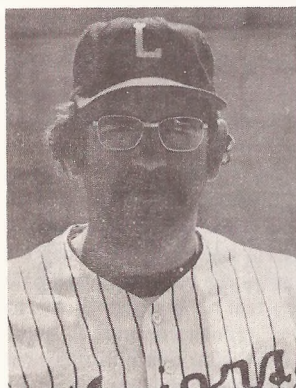
| Player, Club | PCT | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | SB | RBI |
|------------------------|------|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Dave Byers, Lon | .457 | 21 | 94 | 28 | 43 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 26 |
| Bruno Jurgaitis, Tor | .391 | 31 | 115 | 29 | 45 | 9 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 21 |
| Peter Aleo, Tor | .370 | 29 | 100 | 17 | 37 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 1 | 21 |
| Larry Fischer, Ham | .364 | 32 | 143 | 37 | 52 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 12 |
| Tom McKenzie, K-W | .358 | 32 | 120 | 28 | 43 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 13 |
| Alf Payne, Brant | .357 | 27 | 112 | 18 | 40 | 11 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 31 |
| **Kevin Higgins, Strat | .351 | 31 | 114 | 37 | 40 | 4 | 3 | 15 | 1 | 40 |
| Jamie Corke, Brant | .348 | 32 | 132 | 34 | 46 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 14 |
| Jim Hodges, Cam | .344 | 31 | 122 | 22 | 42 | 6 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 17 |
| Denis Flanagan, Strat | .343 | 25 | 99 | 27 | 34 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 13 |

Departmental Leaders: AB-Fischer, 143; R-Fischer, 37; H-Fischer, 52; 2B-Payne and Mercer, 11; 3B-Fischer, 7; HR-Higgins, 15; TB-Higgins, 95; SH-Peck, 8; SF-Fuller, 5; SB-Ploner, 17; CS-Eddie, Riou and Jurgaitis, 4; BB-Eddie, 36; HBP-Mackie and Fuller, 6; SO-Crandell, 33; RBI-Higgins, 40.



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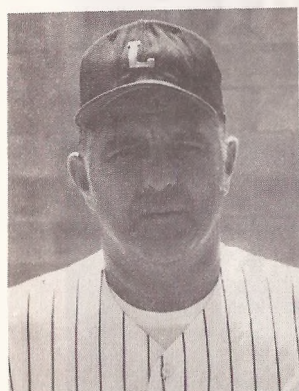


JIM JACKSON *Third Base Coach Designated Hitter*

This will be the "Jets" 3rd year as a player coach for the Majors and his second term as right hand man for Manager Reid Heffernan. Jackson's I-C experience spans back 10 years where his finest full season as a player was 1972 when he hit .311. Despite his coaching duties from his third base box, the Jet is also used as a designated hitter or pinch hitter whenever the need calls for a righty at the plate. Jackson's .304 last season with 7 hits in 7 games including 1 home run and 2 doubles suggests his value to the ball club as a spot hitter.

NORM ALDRIDGE *First Base Coach*

Old "this is my last year" Aldridge is back for his last year and who says the world is changing. His reason for returning this year is he wants to quit in the clubhouse he started in back when London was still a village. Norm claims to have come to London from the Hoshcosh Tigers, a midget team he played with after his discharge from the Navy. Since then he has served as player, trainer, coach, soothe sayer and midwife. His stories of Frank Coleman, Wacky McMaken are priceless entertainment that can keep any ball club loose as a goose the whole year through. Needless to say whether Norm is telling stories in the clubhouse or backing orders on the field its always a joy to be around the man and we hope he'll be back to quit for quite a few more seasons.



JOHNNY AMBROSE *Pitching Coach*

Johnny's exploits as a player are well-known to the long-time followers of the Inter County League. That experience combined with his pro ball years at Quebec City will provide a wealth of knowledge that can only benefit the young pitching staff of the Majors. His insistance on proper conditioning, technique and attitude has groomed the mound men into one of the finest groups of hurlers London has had in quite a few years. If his pitchers blossom like his garden in St. Thomas does we should have a championship to harvest come late summer.

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COMMISSIONER'S MESSAGE

Hello to all baseball fans in London. First of all I would like to thank the loyal fans of the London KelCoatings Majors for their support of their team and the Inter County Major League. It is only through your generous support that we have become the Number One league in Ontario. This year we have added a tenth team to the league, the Waterloo Tigers. We have divided the teams into a Western and Eastern division. London is in the Western division. Playoffs and travel will be made easier by this new arrangement. Natural rivalries will blossom, London - Stratford, - St. Thomas, - Kitchener, under this new set-up.

We pride ourselves in being a leader in baseball innovations. The compulsory batting helmet rules were in effect before the major leagues adopted them. In the ICBA a batter wears the same helmet from the time he goes to bat until he scores; no tossing and exchanging hats on the field. In having designated runners for the pitcher (at all times) and catcher (when two are out) we feel that we are keeping the game moving and answering the fans biggest complaint that baseball is too slow. Hustle is part of our league and we encourage it. Any suggestions to improve the Major Intercounty are greatly appreciated. Please get in touch with me through the London ball club. Suggestions used will be rewarded with league passes. Again we wish Mr. Eddie and the London team and fans success in their quest for the pennant.

REUB HALPERN, commissioner, Major ICBA

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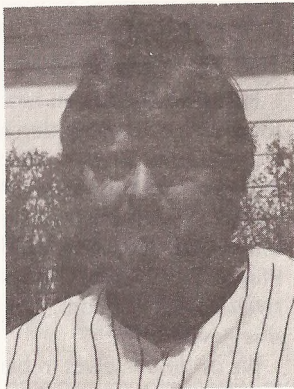
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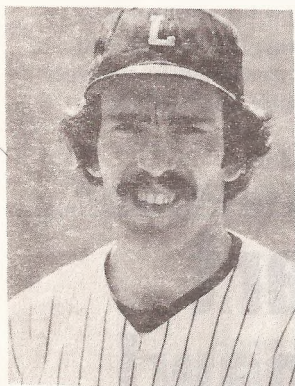
DAVE BYERS *Shortstop*

The 1977 I-C Batting Champion, "Beerzo" re-wrote the I-C record books with an astonishing .457 batting slate. Despite missing 10 regular season games, Byers led the Majors with 43 hits, including 8 doubles and 6 homeruns for 26 RBI's. Also tops in the club, a second team All-Star last year, the strong armed shortstop will be starting his 9th season of I - C play.



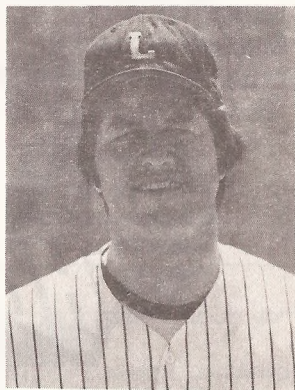
BARRY FULLER *Left Field*

The silent leader of the ball club, Barry employs both poise and confidence on the field. The 9 year veteran is coming off a fine 1977 campaign. Fuller displayed his versatility last season by playing the outfield, where he was 8th in the league in fielding percentage, catching and spot duty at first base. A .340 hitter last season, Fuller was also a 2nd team All-Star selection.



WAYNE FENLON *Catcher*

Dubbed "Mad Dog" by former Majors Manager Roy McKay, Wayne is starting his 13th season as a London Major. A spirited competitor, Fenlon shows leadership and knowledge behind the plate -- not only control of his pitchers but a knowledge of opposing hitters as well. Known for his clutch hitting, the "Dog" is a tough out, striking out only twice in 116 official plate appearances in 1977 while hitting a healthy .324



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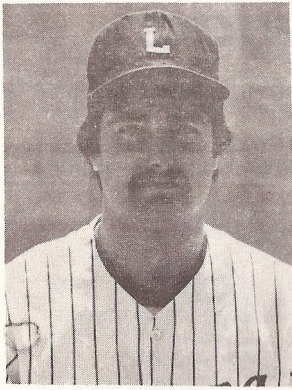
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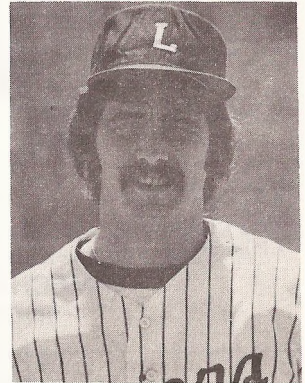


DAN THORNER *First Base*

The "Damper" is back for his 2nd full season with the Majors. Voted last year's team Rookie of the Year, the switch hitter hit .305 last season, while playing the outfield, first base, 2nd base, 3rd base and even had 2 mound appearances - one a 7 inning relief win over Toronto. The versatile athlete is also a scratch golfer, playing in numerous tournaments around the area during the summer.

RANDY MERCER *Right Field*

Randy is starting his 3rd year in right field for the Majors putting together years of .295 in 1976 and .294 in 1977 with a league leading 11 doubles. A power hitter, Mercer had 21 RBI's last season and totes one one of the strongest arms in the I - C.

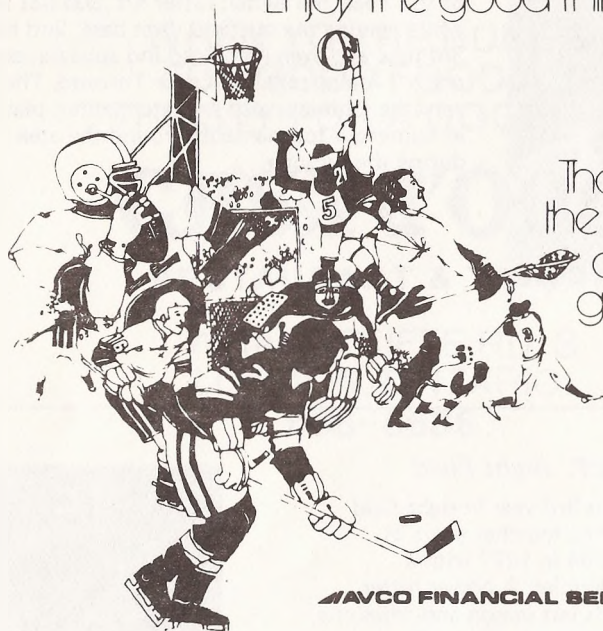


JON OWENS *Right Handed Pitcher*

With the absence of Phil Schmidt (arm problems) the coaching staff is relying heavily on the arm of Johnny O. Still of Jr. age, the tall right hander alternated between Jr. and Sr. last year and had 5 appearances with the Sr. club. Used mostly in relief, Owens did start one game in Cambridge and pitched 11 strong innings only to have an error deny him his first starting win. Owens should be ready as he is working regularly in the line up of the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.

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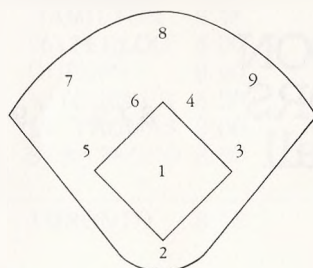
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|-------------------|----|
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| First Baseman | 3 |
| Second Baseman | 4 |
| Third Baseman | 5 |
| Shortstop | 6 |
| Left Fielder | 7 |
| Center Fielder | 8 |
| Right Fielder | 9 |
| Designated Hitter | DH |



And use these simple symbols for plays:

| | |
|------------------|----|
| Single | — |
| Double | = |
| Triple | ≡ |
| Home Run | ≡≡ |
| Error | E |
| Foul Fly | F |
| Double Play | DP |
| Fielder's Choice | FC |
| Hit by Pitcher | HP |
| Wild Pitch | WP |
| Stolen Base | SB |
| Sacrifice Hit | SH |
| Sacrifice Fly | SF |
| Caught Stealing | CS |
| Passed Ball | PB |
| Balk | BK |
| Struck Out | K |
| Base on Balls | BB |
| Force Out | FO |
| Intentional Walk | IW |

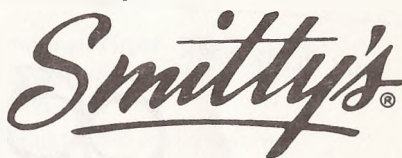
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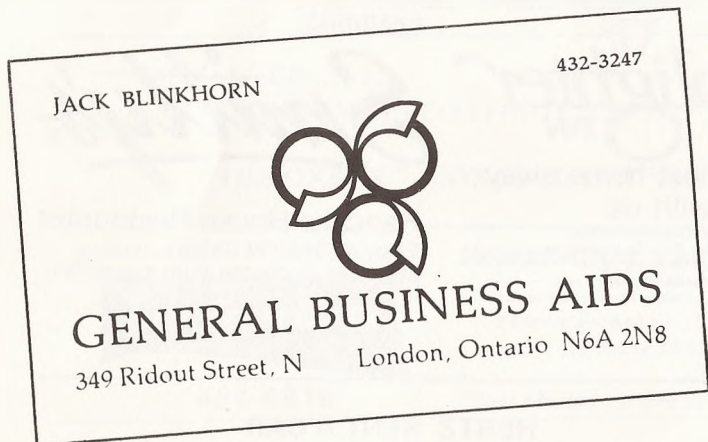
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1978 SCHEDULE

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| May 12 | TORONTO | 8:15 |
| May 19 | WATERLOO | 8:00 |
| May 26 | GUELPH | 8:00 |

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| June 2 | STRATFORD | 8:00 |
| June 6 | BRANTFORD | 8:00 |
| June 9 | KITCHENER | 8:00 |
| June 13 | CAMBRIDGE | 8:00 |
| June 16 | BRANTFORD | 8:00 |
| June 23 | ST. THOMAS | 8:00 |
| June 27 | HAMILTON | 8:15 |
| June 30 | CAMBRIDGE | 8:00 |

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| July 4 | HAMILTON | 8:15 |
| July 7 | WATERLOO | 8:00 |
| July 14 | GUELPH | 8:00 |
| July 21 | KITCHENER | 8:00 |
| July 25 | ST. THOMAS | 8:00 |
| July 28 | STRATFORD | 8:00 |

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| Aug 4 | TORONTO | 8:15 |
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AWAY

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|--------|-----------|------|
| May 14 | KITCHENER | 2:00 |
| May 21 | CAMBRIDGE | 2:00 |
| May 23 | STRATFORD | 8:05 |
| May 28 | TORONTO | 2:00 |
| May 30 | GUELPH | 8:05 |

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|---------|------------|------|
| June 7 | HAMILTON | 8:15 |
| June 12 | WATERLOO | 8:00 |
| June 18 | ST. THOMAS | 7:30 |
| June 22 | BRANTFORD | 8:15 |

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| July 8 | GUELPH | 8:05 |
| July 9 | CAMBRIDGE | 7:30 |
| July 12 | HAMILTON | 8:15 |
| July 16 | KITCHENER | 7:30 |
| July 23 | ST. THOMAS | 8:00 |
| July 26 | WATERLOO | 8:00 |
| July 30 | TORONTO | 2:00 |

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| Aug 3 | STRATFORD | 8:05 |
| Aug 5 | BRANTFORD | 8:15 |

SPECIAL NITES

| | | |
|---------|------------|---|
| MAY 12 | TORONTO | Opening Night, Midlanders Drum & Bugle Corps |
| MAY 19 | WATERLOO | Kid's Night - 3 Bikes |
| MAY 26 | GUELPH | Ted Dilts - Diamond Ring |
| JUNE 2 | STRATFORD | |
| JUNE 6 | BRANTFORD | Harvey's Hamburger Night- 100 Coupons |
| JUNE 9 | KITCHENER | Proceeds to Underprivileged Kids |
| JUNE 13 | CAMBRIDGE | Admiral TV Prize |
| JUNE 16 | BRANTFORD | McDonald's Night - 100 free coupons |
| JUNE 23 | ST. THOMAS | Banana Split Night - (for the kids) |
| JUNE 27 | HAMILTON | |
| JUNE 30 | CAMBRIDGE | McDonald's Night - 100 free coupons |
| JULY 4 | HAMILTON | Banana Split Night - (for the kids) |
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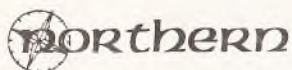
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TEAM BATTING

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| BATTING | G | AB | R | H | 2B | 3B | HR | SH | SF | SB | CS | BB | HBP | SO | RBI | PCT. |
|----------------|----|-----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|----|-----|------|
| Dave Byers | 21 | 94 | 28 | 43 | 8 | 5 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 7 | 26 | .457 |
| Barry Fuller | 24 | 100 | 15 | 34 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 17 | 23 | .340 |
| *Alex McKay | 6 | 12 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | .333 |
| Wayne Fenlon | 26 | 105 | 15 | 34 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 2 | 19 | .324 |
| Reid Heffernan | 24 | 68 | 12 | 22 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 0 | 15 | 11 | .324 |
| *Bill Breene | 29 | 116 | 29 | 37 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 20 | 0 | 13 | 18 | .319 |
| Mike Mitchell | 26 | 123 | 22 | 38 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 12 | 10 | .309 |
| Dan Thorner | 24 | 82 | 18 | 25 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 13 | 0 | 12 | 15 | .305 |
| Jim Jackson | 7 | 23 | 6 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 3 | .304 |
| Rob Watral | 23 | 70 | 11 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 9 | 10 | .300 |
| Randy Mercer | 31 | 126 | 20 | 37 | 11 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 21 | 21 | .294 |
| Larry Haggitt | 22 | 93 | 12 | 23 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 17 | 25 | .247 |
| Arden Eddie | 32 | 114 | 29 | 27 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 12 | 4 | 36 | 1 | 21 | 10 | .237 |
| Barry Boughner | 15 | 41 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 11 | 5 | .171 |
| Rick Corner | 5 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | .125 |
| *Dan Grieve | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 |
| Paul Kostas | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .000 |

The following pitchers had no plate appearances primarily through use of designated hitters, games in parentheses: *Mike Kosmack (2), *Paul Miles (2), *Jon Owen (5), Larry Wilson (10), Phil Schmidt (11), Neal Ambrose (13).

Awarded first base on Interference—Eddie (Kniginyzky), Heffernan (Ezekiel) and Watral (Ezekiel).

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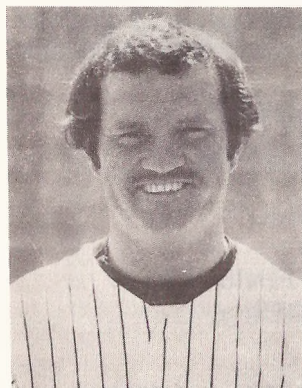
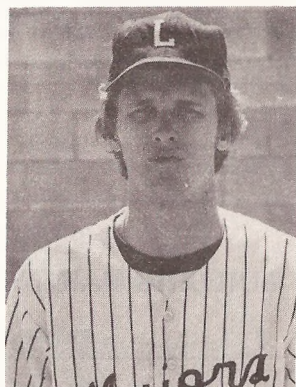


BILLY BREENE *Second Base*

Fresh from his first Canadian winter, the "Yank" hopes he thaws out in time for another banner year. A first team I - C All-Star last season, Billy hit .319 with 5 homeruns and 29 runs scored while leading the league in fielding percentage at a .978 clip. Voted last year's team M.V.P., the hustling infielder, a native of Louisiana, has struck up a love affair with London and hopes to become an official immigrant to Canada before this season's last pitch.

MIKE MITCHELL *Third Base*

Another one of six 1977 Majors voted to last year's I - C All-Star team, Mitch put together another fine year hitting .309 while fielding a slick .938 - tops in the league for 3rd sackers. The three year veteran collected 38 hits last season, second only to Byers, and hopes to bang out hits of another sort at summer's end as he will take to the studios to record his own album.



ARDEN EDDIE *Centre Field*

When you talk about "Mr. Major" you have to look at two people; Arden Eddie - Player and Owner. As a player, Arden starts his 12th season as centrefielder for the Majors. Although he slumped from .321 in 1976 to .237 in 1977, the "Wildcat" led the club for the 2nd consecutive year in both walks and stolen bases. Eddie's 12 thefts last year has him zeroing in on the I-C's lifetime steals record. Arden was also fifth in the league in fielding percentage committing only one miscue in 68 chances in 1977. As a rookie owner last season, Arden readily admits he "learned plenty". With the addition of a new club sponsor, Arden has successfully started his quest to make the London Majors the best organization in the I-C.

TEAM FIELDING

FIELDING

1ST BASEMEN

| | G | PO | A | E | DP | PCT |
|-----------|----|-----|---|---|----|-------|
| Fuller | 4 | 30 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1.000 |
| Thorner | 2 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Boughner | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Watral | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Haggitt | 22 | 205 | 8 | 3 | 11 | .986 |
| Heffernan | 4 | 42 | 1 | 1 | 1 | .979 |

2ND BASEMEN

| | | | | | | |
|---------|----|----|----|---|----|------|
| Greene | 17 | 40 | 47 | 2 | 14 | .978 |
| Thorner | 13 | 23 | 40 | 4 | 4 | .940 |
| McKay | 6 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 0 | .824 |

3RD BASEMEN

| | | | | | | |
|----------|----|----|----|---|---|-------|
| Corner | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Mitchell | 26 | 32 | 44 | 5 | 0 | .938 |
| Thorner | 4 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 1 | .846 |
| Watral | 2 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .750 |
| Boughner | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .500 |
| Breane | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |

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|--------|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| Greene | 12 | 29 | 31 | 5 | 2 | .923 |
| Overs | 21 | 52 | 56 | 10 | 17 | .915 |

OUTFIELDERS

| | G | PO | A | E | DP | PCT |
|---------|----|----|----|---|----|-------|
| Thorner | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Eddie | 32 | 68 | 4 | 1 | 0 | .986 |
| Fuller | 17 | 33 | 0 | 1 | 0 | .971 |
| Mercer | 31 | 60 | 12 | 7 | 2 | .911 |
| Watral | 17 | 17 | 1 | 4 | 1 | .818 |
| Grieve | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |

CATCHERS (PB)

| | | | | | | |
|--------------|----|-----|----|---|---|-------|
| Fuller (1) | 3 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Boughner (3) | 4 | 19 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Fenlon (3) | 26 | 136 | 24 | 7 | 0 | .958 |

PITCHERS

| | | | | | | |
|----------|----|---|----|---|---|-------|
| Watral | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Thorner | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Kosmack | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Owen | 5 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 0 | .917 |
| Schmidt | 11 | 3 | 13 | 2 | 0 | .889 |
| Ambrose | 13 | 5 | 15 | 3 | 0 | .870 |
| Wilson | 10 | 4 | 13 | 6 | 0 | .739 |
| Miles | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |
| Boughner | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 |

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BOB HAMMOND *Trainer*

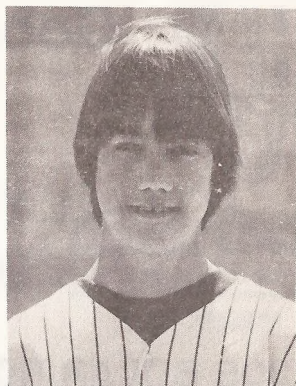
The Hammer is in his 3rd year as Clubhouse Chief for the Majors. An organizer, Hammer runs a tight ship behind the scenes. No newcomer to training techniques, Bob is also the Head Trainer for Ex-Major Barry Boughner's Junior B Hockey Club. An athlete in his own right, the Hammer was a cinder wizard, tabbed All-Ontario in the 120 yd. high hurdles in 1971 with a 14.9 clocking and placing 5th in that event in the 1972 Commonwealth Trials.

OSCAR DAUGULIS *Director of Operations*

As Director of Operations, Oscar is the man in charge. The busiest person at Labatt Park every night the Majors are hosting is that dedicated Latvian with the wrinkle on his nose, known as Ilgi. He's like a good basketball official doing a game. He's got everything going smoothly, yet you hardly know he's there. They say "Behind every great guy, there's a good, understanding woman". The Management of the London Majors are very happy. Osc's bride of less than a year, Caroline, coming to London from England, has joined the ever growing throngs of Majors' fans. We extend a warm welcome to Caroline and Osc.

DAVE COWDREY *Bat & Clubhouse Boy*

"Moose" as he's affectionately known by the ballplayers is back for his second year as batboy. His first year's shyness has worn off and if he keeps growing at his current pace, one of the ballplayers might have to be released to provide him with a proper fitting uniform. The batboy is the unsung hero of any team's offence and ours is no exception. He keeps the hitting tools in order and injects the positive spirit to all the on-deck batsmen. David has been given a few extra chores around the clubhouse this year so when you see the Majors in spotless uniforms and gleaming spikes, you can credit the "Moose" with it.





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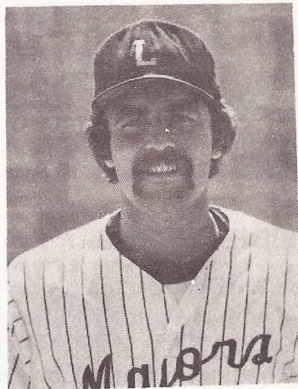
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| *Kosmack (1h) | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | .000 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Boughner | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 2/3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.00 |
| Watral | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 | 16 1/3 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 1 | 11 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0.55 |
| Thorner | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1.000 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2.57 |
| *Schmidt | 11 | 10 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 0 | .857 | 75 2/3 | 35 | 24 | 63 | 3 | 31 | 62 | 5 | 6 | 2.85 |
| *Miles | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | .000 | 2 2/3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3.38 |
| Ambrose (1h) | 13 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 1 | .700 | 91 | 43 | 38 | 69 | 5 | 35 | 50 | 2 | 5 | 3.76 |
| Wilson | 10 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 7 | 0 | .300 | 73 | 50 | 31 | 79 | 4 | 32 | 35 | 4 | 5 | 3.82 |
| *Owen | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | .333 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 27 | 1 | 11 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 4.50 |

Balks—Wilson 2. Shutouts—Watral, Schmidt and Wilson, 1 each.

BRUCE GRAY *Pitcher*

The London Majors and Major Inter County welcome Bruce to our league. Back from a tryout with the Montreal Expos, he caught the eye of our coaching staff during a pre-season exhibition game against the Petrolia Raiders. Bruce has played the past few years with Petrolia in the Western Counties Baseball League. We know the lefties services will be greatly missed in Petrolia, and we are anticipating a solid performance both on the mound and as a left hand hitter in 1978 and seasons to come.

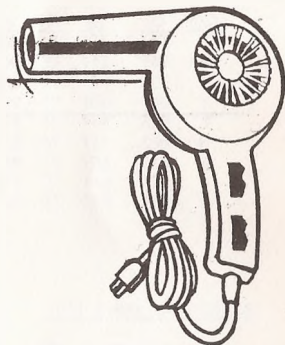


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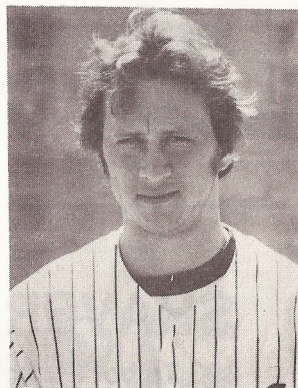
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LARRY WILSON *Pitcher*

If there was a victim of circumstance last season, "Wils" would be it. At first glance, the big righthander's 3-7 slate last year would be, to say the least, unimpressive, but it is no secret that whenever Larry toed the rubber, the Majors seemed to leave their bats in the clubhouse, denying him the run support that was usually granted to Ambrose or Schmidt. The usually tight defence would spring a leak, allowing those extra unearned runs that spelled the difference. Wils did have his good efforts, too. One was a 5-0 whitewash of the Hamilton Cardinals after they had won 4 straight, and his biggest win coming in the semi-finals over Brantford when London trailed 2-1 in the series and secured a fifth and final game in London. Larry is in his 4th year with the Majors.

ROBBIE WATRAL *Pitcher*

The "Wat" had his finest year as a Major last season. Used both as a pitcher and spot starter, the versatile Watral had 21 hits in 23 games last year for an even .300 batting average. Robbie can play both infield and outfield as well as pitch. His pitching roll throughout the season consisted mainly of relief. However, he did rack up a win in his only start.... a complete game effort in the regular season ending game against St. Thomas. This is the London native's 3rd year with the Majors.



NEAL AMBROSE *Pitcher*

The 4th individual award winner at the Majors' Banquet last fall, and deservedly so. Neal was the "Money" pitcher for the club last spring and had an exceptional play off showing. A quick working lefty, Ambrose relies on good control that keeps his infield busy by serving up numerous ground balls. His 7 - 3 / 3.76 ERA and 50 strike outs last year earned him 2nd team All Star status as LHP. This will be his 4th year with the Majors.



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| CLUB | ERA | G | CG | IP | R | ER | H | HR | BB | SO | ShO |
|----------------|------|----|----|---------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| London | 3.33 | 32 | 20 | 289 1/3 | 148 | 107 | 262 | 15 | 126 | 167 | 3 |
| Kitchener-Wat. | 3.58 | 33 | 16 | 284 | 132 | 113 | 256 | 23 | 112 | 142 | 4 |
| Stratford | 3.62 | 33 | 22 | 283 2/3 | 143 | 114 | 283 | 18 | 94 | 203 | 3 |
| Toronto | 3.64 | 32 | 11 | 287 | 172 | 116 | 310 | 17 | 108 | 180 | 1 |
| Brantford | 3.87 | 32 | 16 | 286 | 161 | 123 | 314 | 10 | 114 | 202 | 3 |
| Guelph | 4.32 | 32 | 19 | 289 2/3 | 197 | 139 | 313 | 17 | 116 | 186 | 0 |
| Hamilton | 4.61 | 32 | 11 | 279 | 212 | 142 | 338 | 15 | 123 | 143 | 0 |
| St. Thomas | 5.32 | 32 | 10 | 276 | 208 | 163 | 313 | 24 | 149 | 139 | 1 |
| Cambridge | 6.64 | 32 | 10 | 278 | 288 | 205 | 355 | 31 | 180 | 202 | 5 |

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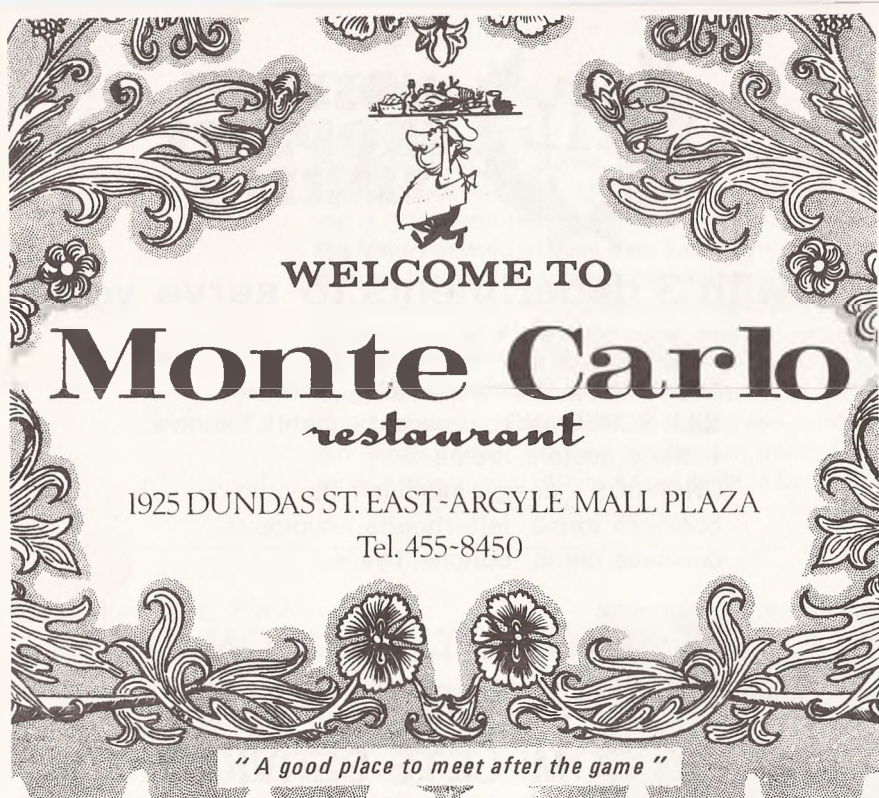
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|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-----|
| Stratford (a) | - | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 20 | 12 | .625 | - |
| Kitchener-Wat. | 2 | - | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 20 | 12 | .625 | - |
| London | 2 | 0 | - | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 19 | 13 | .594 | 1 |
| Toronto | 2 | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 15 | .531 | 3 |
| Brantford | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | - | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 16 | 16 | .500 | 4 |
| Guelph (b) | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | - | 3 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 17 | .469 | 5 |
| Hamilton | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | - | 4 | 2 | 15 | 17 | .469 | 5 |
| St. Thomas | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0 | - | 2 | 12 | 20 | .375 | 8 |
| Cambridge | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | - | 10 | 22 | .313 | 10 |

(a) Won sudden-death game 6-1 to decide first place.

(b) Won sudden-death game 8-3 to decide sixth place.

TIE GAME — K-W at Stratford, May 24, 8 Innings (2-2).

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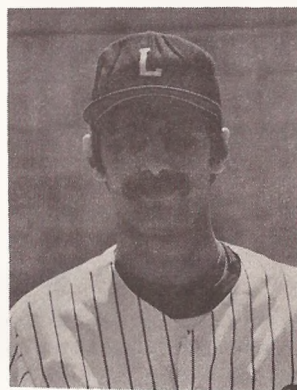
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PAUL KOSTAS *First Base*

The "Greek" is back in London after a year's absence. A former Major in 1976 Paul played last season in Arva, where he played outfield and 1st base while hitting .341 with 9 home runs. Kostas was a member of the Majors post season Tournament Champs (sponsored by Molson's) and was voted top hitter on the strength of 4 home runs, including 3 in one game against Hamilton.



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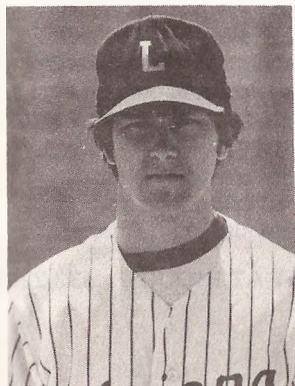
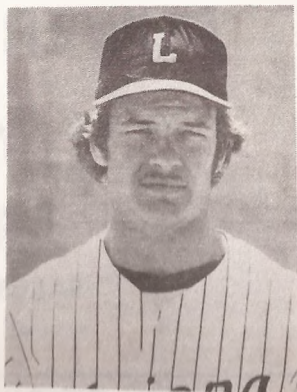
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ROB WRIGHT *Pitcher*

Robbie is in his first season of Major Inter County. A veteran of London area baseball, Rob came up through the Minor and Junior ranks and finished his 3rd year in Junior last season with the London Diamonds, where he was 5 - 1 although arm problems shortened his season. A quick left hander, Wright spent the summer of 1975 as a regular in the starting rotation of the St. Louis Cardinals Rookie Club in Sarasota, Fla.

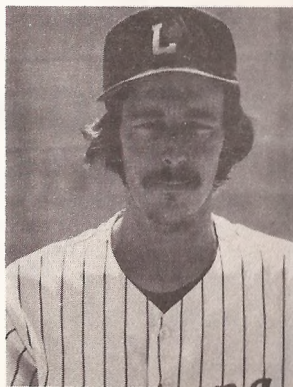


ROB CRAIGAN *Catcher*

Another of the new faces on the Majors' 1978 roster, Rob hails from Whitby, Ont. where he played for the Whitby Merchants the past two summers. This will be his first season in the I-C after campaigns of .412 in 1976 and .345 with 29 RBI's in 23 games last season. Rob is also a football buff, having played 3 years in the Ontario Football Conference, 2 years with Oshawa Hawkeyes and 1 right here in London with the Beefeaters in 1975. Rob is a 1978 graduate of UWO and will attend Althouse College in the fall.

MIKE RODRIGUES *Pitcher*

Mike is trying a comeback this season as he has been idle from actively playing since 1975. A highly touted Junior, "Chico" developed arm problems that grew worse the more he pitched. He played 3 years with the London Diamonds and in his 2nd year compiled a 13 - 6 record before the arm ailments set in. Chico is the brother of former London and ex-Tiger infielder Jimmy Rodriguez.



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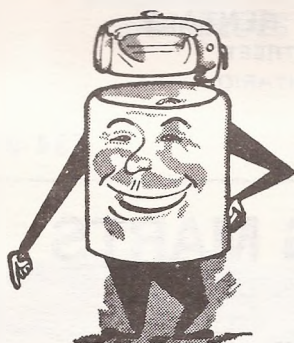
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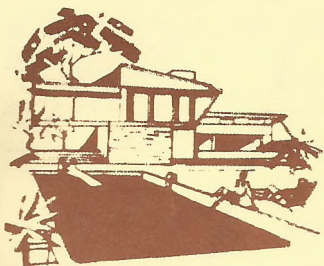
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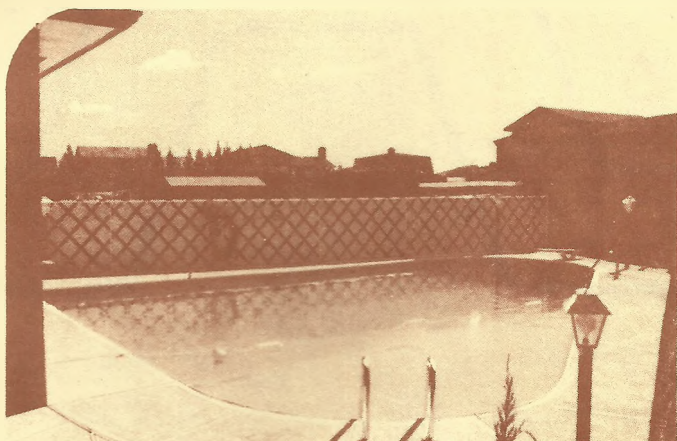
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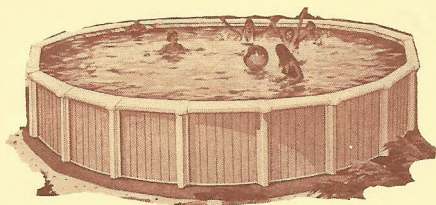
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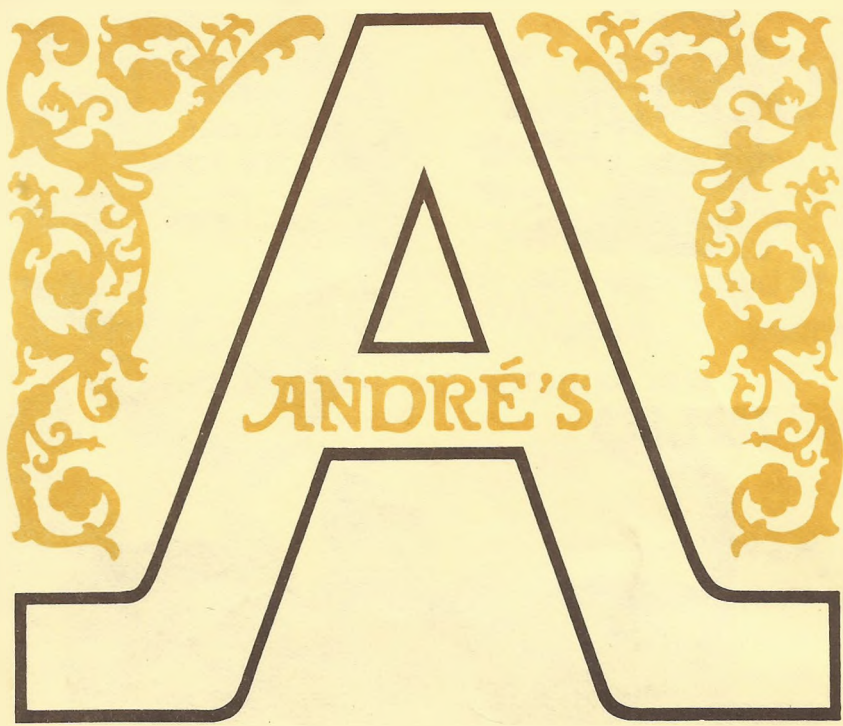
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