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CREEK
BASEBALL
ASSOCIATION** INC.



A MESSAGE FROM THE N.T.B.L. PRESIDENT

FOREWARD

It is my pleasure to congratulate the Tennant Creek Baseball Association on obtaining 25 years of baseball and to thank you for the honour of being invited to celebrate this historic occasion with you.

Although we cannot actually turn the clock back, this weekend gives us an opportunity to renew old friendships and recall the many great events we have shared.

My own experiences relate only from 1964, however I shall never forget the hospitality and friendship which from the beginning, has always been characteristic of the people of Tennant Creek.

Your Baseball Association has been fortunate in having keen baseballers, sound administrators and excellent community support over the years, the current period being no exception. I wish you success in encouraging the younger generations in this fine tradition.

Tennant Creek is an important member of the Northern Territory Baseball League; together with other Centres, it is our objective that before too many more years go by, we will be competing in the greatest Australian Baseball Championship of them all the Claxton Shield.

May we all enjoy a very happy and successful Silver Jubilee Series.

Lyel N. Kempster

President
N.T.B.L.

The present time is an era of exciting development for Australian Baseball.

Both senior and junior Australian teams are to compete regularly in international contests. Coaching and playing standards are being upgraded by an active programme of sending coaches to U.S.A. and bringing top coaches to Australia. Umpires are also an important part of our game and a planned course of development for them is in hand.

This year will see a wide exposure of baseball on national television. To benefit from this exposure, facilities must be available for all those wishing to start playing baseball to do so.

Clubs already in existence will have to provide the expertise to encourage newcomers to our great game. Well established clubs will be those upon whom we will rely for leadership in this area, including the Tennant Creek clubs.

I congratulate the Tennant Creek Baseball Association upon its 25th year of continuous baseball. May your celebrations be successful and the prelude to a more vigorous and skilled participation in the national program of development.

John Anderson

PRESIDENT
AUSTRALIAN BASEBALL FEDERATION.

welcome...

In 25 years of baseball there have been many who have given to the game more than just participation.

To all these people the Tennant Creek Association extends its thanks. It was due to their efforts that Tennant Creek is so respected for its standards and effort.

Many of our players, junior as well as senior, are known and respected outside the Territory.

The next twenty five years will need as much effort and dedication as the last twenty five.

Enjoy our celebration, thanks for participating and come back to Tennant Creek again - if you live here, how about joining the "team" next season.

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The Following games of baseball
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Sat. 24th Nov.

AUSTRALIA V KOREA FROM MELBOURNE 2.30-5.00

Sat. 22nd Dec.

VICTORIA V WESTERN AUST. FROM MELBOURNE 2.30-5.00

Sun. 23rd Dec.

N.S.W. V SOUTH AUST. FROM SYDNEY 2.30-5.00

Wed. 26th Dec.

SOUTH AUST. V VICTORIA FROM MELBOURNE 2.30-5.00

Thur. 27th Dec.

SOUTH AUST. V VICTORIA FROM MELBOURNE 2.30-5.00

Sat. 29th Dec.

VICTORIA V N.S.W. FROM MELBOURNE 2.30-5.00

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Silver Jubilee

Sparky Anderson loves Pete Rose's five year old son, Petey, who's always romping over the Cincinatti clubhouse and ball field. But the Red's Manager has a rule that no children are allowed on the field for warmups.

Sparky was coming out of the dugout one afternoon when he saw young Petey play catch with his Dad.

"Hey, Petey", he yelled, "Get out of there. Don't you know the rules?"

Petey's lower lip quivered. But he walked into the dugout and quietly sat down. About ten minutes later he walked over to the Manager.

"Sparky," he said, "I just want you to know that I know the rules. It's my father who doesn't."

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FIRST N.T. TEAM TO VISIT SOUTH AUSTRALIA, 1968

Standing L-R: Paul Ruger, David Baldock, Alan Bawdon, Frank Brimson, Cliff Reed, Peter Garrett, Mick O'Conner, Stan Duttor, Jack Ford, Ted Luckett.

Sitting L-R: Ian Tuxworth, Doug McArthur, Wally Dixon, Ray Maher, Lyel Kempster, Basil Hardy, Terry Callaghan, Barry Hill, Brian Parsons.

NEW VEHICLES RELEASED BY

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This new model is offered in both pickup and cab/chassis versions of the long wheelbase model.

The Hilux 4WD features a high performance two litre O.H.C. engine fitted with a two barrel carburettor. The engine is coupled to a four speed, all synchromesh gearbox with floor mounted gearlever.

The high/low range 2/4 wheel drive shift control is also floor mounted and is positioned alongside the gearlever. A light on the dashboard indicates when the transmission is engaged in four wheel drive.

The Hilux four wheel drive is being marketed as a tough, off road vehicle, but with the appointments and comfort of a sporty pickup.

It is equipped with comfortable bucket seats incorporating head restraints and the interior is trimmed in attractive beige toning.

Appointments include three speed blower for the heater/demister, flow thru ventilation system and two speed wiper combined with electric windscreen washers. Wiper equipment control, as with the light switches, are stalk mounted on the steering column within fingertip reach of the steering wheel. Hazard warning light control and steering lock button are located on the steering wheel binnacle. A parcel

fuel gauge and warning lights for oil pressure, alternator, parking brake and four wheel drive indicator light.

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Standing L-R: Roy Fritz, Richard Callagan, Mr. Bowder (coach), Mark Williams, Paul Williams, Yorma Latiner.

Sitting L-R: Tommy Hutcheson, David Campbell, Lenny Lemon (ballboy), Ken Grant, Chris Gibson, Peter Staples.



Standing L-R: Robert Clair, Rodney Williams, Dennis Kerrin, Peter Williams, Colin Bates.

Sitting L-R: Wally Austbo, Robert Decet, Ken Williams, Peter Kielly.



Standing L-R: John Havnen, Mat Perttula, Ross Thyer (coach), Nancy Ford, Greg Parsons, Ross Williams.

Sitting L-R: Michael Carter, Terry Bethel, Jeffery Rees, Jimmy Ford, Kim Thyer.



Standing L-R: Teddy Carter, Peter McAhcie, Bruce Bethel, Rae Maher (coach), Robert Paterson, Collin Soars.

Sitting L-R: Fred McLinly, Graham Gollin, Steve Adamson, David McAhcie, Brenton McRue.



An Early Dodgers Line-up.

Standing L-R: Don Barrow, Lou Severi, Tony

Yogi Berra was regarded as a man with the answers because of his knack of cataloging the hitters. At a pre-game meeting prior to the All-Star game of 1949, the discussion was centered on how to get Stan Musial out. After listening for about ten minutes to many wistful ideas, Yogi chipped in and stated, "You guys are trying to stop Musial in fifteen minutes while the National League ain't stopped him in fifteen years".

At a team meeting, the Pittsburgh Pirates had discussed just about everybody on the Chicago Cub team except travelling secretary, Bob Lewis. At this point the player to strategize was Jim Davis, a pitcher and reputedly a weak hitter.

"How about this Jim Davis, he's a switch hitter. How we gonna pitch him?"

TENNANT CREEK

PROGRAMME

1979 SERIES

....25th year of baseball

FRIDAY 12th OCTOBER

Diamond Teams

Time 1.30 PM. 1 MT. ISA V DARWIN
1.30 PM. 2 ALICE SPRINGS V BRAVES

3.30 PM. 1 DODGERS V MT. ISA
3.30 PM. 2 TIGERS V DARWIN

SATURDAY 13th OCTOBER

8.30 AM. 1 BRAVES V TIGERS
8.30 AM. 2 ALICE SPRINGS V MT. ISA

10.30 AM. 2 DARWIN V DODGERS
10.30 AM. 1 TIGERS V ALICE

1.30 PM. 1 BRAVES V DODGERS
1.30 PM. 2 MT. ISA V TIGERS

3.30 PM. 1 DARWIN V BRAVES
3.30 PM. 2 DODGERS V ALICE SPRINGS

SUNDAY 14th OCTOBER

Diamond Teams

Time 8.30 AM. 1 (A) 1st placed V 2nd placed
8.30 AM. 2 (b) V 4th placed

10.30 AM. 1 (C) loser (A) V WINNER (B

12.30 PM. 1 5th placed V 6th placed

2.30 PM. 1 winner (A) V WINNER (C)

Competition Rules ...

1st named team is in 1st Base Dugout & Fields First.
1 minute only will be allowed for warming up a pitcher between innings.
No new inning will be started after 90 minutes from the start of the game.
Hard hats will be used by all players in offence.
No games will be protested (A.B.C. & N.T.B.L.) recommendations).
In the event of scores being equal at the end of the game, each team will be awarded one point.
In the event, at the end of the Minor, of teams being equal on point the team with the higher % will take the higher position on the ladder.
Percentage will be worked out by dividing runs by the total of runs for and against and multiplying by 100.

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This weekend will see the finals of the 1957 baseball season. It has been a good season with some very exciting games and keen competition. The usual faithful supporters have rolled up each week to urge on their favourite teams and it is encouraging to see more and more interested spectators each year for a game which began in typical Tennant Creek style.

The Birth of baseball came about by a few of the townfolk enjoying a picnic at the 7-Mile and the playing with paddy melons and sticks caused some amusement. It was such a wonderful day out that all vowed to go out again the next week. It was then that the elevation of tennis ball and bat took place and teams were formed to make the game more interesting.

Even in those early days, competition was keen and barracking long and loud for men, women and kids flying around the flat at the 7-Mile endeavouring to make "home" for his or her respective team.

Then came the subject of baseball. Mr. Bill Graves, an American here at the time was possibly the most enthusiastic supporter, having played extensively in the States. He offered to teach all interested and umpire the game.

It was after this that the game started in town at "Ebbet's Field" as it is known today. The challenge for teams was out and the first team was formed, calling themselves "The Dodgers". The Nob boys were not going to be left out, so under the direction of Alec (Sticky-glove) McDonald, the "Giants" took their place in baseball.

The first game was played (with pick handles) in pouring rain and at the completion a sorer sight has never been seen - a bunch of aching, exhausted and mud spattered players stumbled off the diamond, but the spirit was there to stay.

ASSOCIATION FORMED

Things moved rapidly after this day. Baseball gear started arriving with each plane and uniforms were planned and made. The diamond soon took shape and three more teams, the Tigers, the Pirates and the Hoppers came into the field. The Baseball Association was formed.

It was at this early stage that the women, who were not to be outclassed, formed two soft-ball teams, namely, "The Dodger Dolls", and "The Tiger Tarts". As someone once wrote, "Any resemblance between these matches and baseball is purely co-incident." This of course was quite true, but what a lot of fun.

The girls took the whole matter very seriously but with little support from the men - this being particularly noticeable with the constant stream of toddlers trotting onto the diamond to ask "Mummy" something (The women have never played since).

And so baseball came to Tennant Creek to stay. This week will see the completion of its third year, with no less enthusiasm and good sportsmanship than was there on the first day.

The business people and public have responded magnificently to the game and some wonderful trophies have been donated over the period and any player winning and holding any of these trophies does so with pride.

For all of our keen interest and the will to see our own team win and become premiers a feeling of sympathy goes to the teams eliminated in the semi-finals. They have done a grand job and all teams together have made baseball what it is today.

And so after Sunday, one team (either Dodgers or Tigers) will be the holders of the 1957 Pennant. Good luck to them and may the best team win.

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EXCITING INTER-TOWN BASEBALL

Tennant Creek baseballers and some supporters travelled to Alice Springs last weekend to play a team composed mainly of American boys stationed in Alice with U.S.A.F.

The Natalie Gorey Kindergarten, for which the games were arranged, benefitted by £40 from the day.

Two very closely contested games were witnessed by a large crowd of spectators and I think that everyone got their money's worth from the tenseness and excitement of the struggle as well as from the display of good baseball handed out by both teams.

In the first game the home team, Alice, took the field first with Box pitching to Devorak catching as the opening battery, shutting out the visitors 1-2-3 with two strike outs and a throw-away at first.

Box - brother of Peter Box, S.A.'s top pitcher - has a very unusual wind-up, almost like a left hander's wind-up, and his control and variety of pitches completely bewildered Tennant batters and kept them down to a minimum of hits. His down drop ball is a honey!

Travers pitching to Thyer catching, also had two K2's and a throw out at first on the first three batters for Alice. From then to the bottom of the fourth inning it developed into a battle royal of the pitchers, each one bringing off four shut-out innings.

P. Lockett in the fifth was the first Tennant player to reach first when he took the walk off Box, making third base on throwing errors. Cameron batted him in with a nicely bunted ball towards second base. Dowling hit back along the base line to Glason at first base for two down then Box.

when Bell belted one to Mitton at short stop and the throw went to first.

Umbarger then clouted to centre to Wilson who had relieved Travers on the mound. It was a force-out and two down when Dearborn hit back to Wilson, who threw to home plate.

Four runners had crossed when Box flied to Lockett at centre for side away. Thyer hit a single to left field and scored when Mitton missed a hit to centre. On a passed ball Mitton also scored and it was a 3-2 game for the home team when P. Lockett flied to the catcher for side out.

Umbarger, Bridgman and Bell all scored hits to the outfield. Bell getting a three base hit. These three runners all crossed. Also Dornmeden after taking a walk.

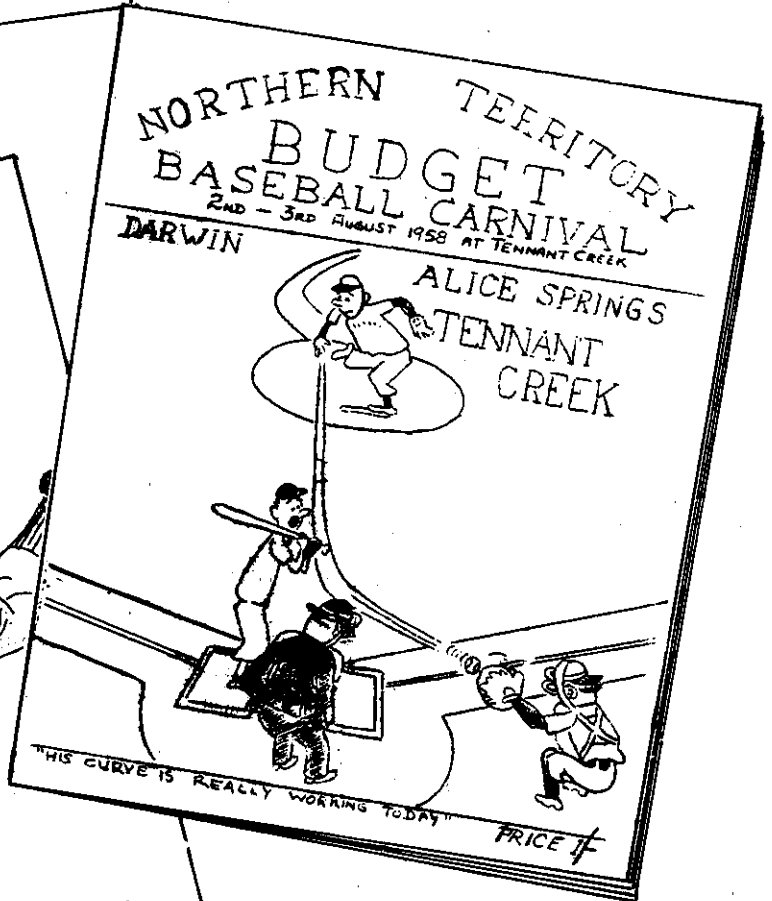
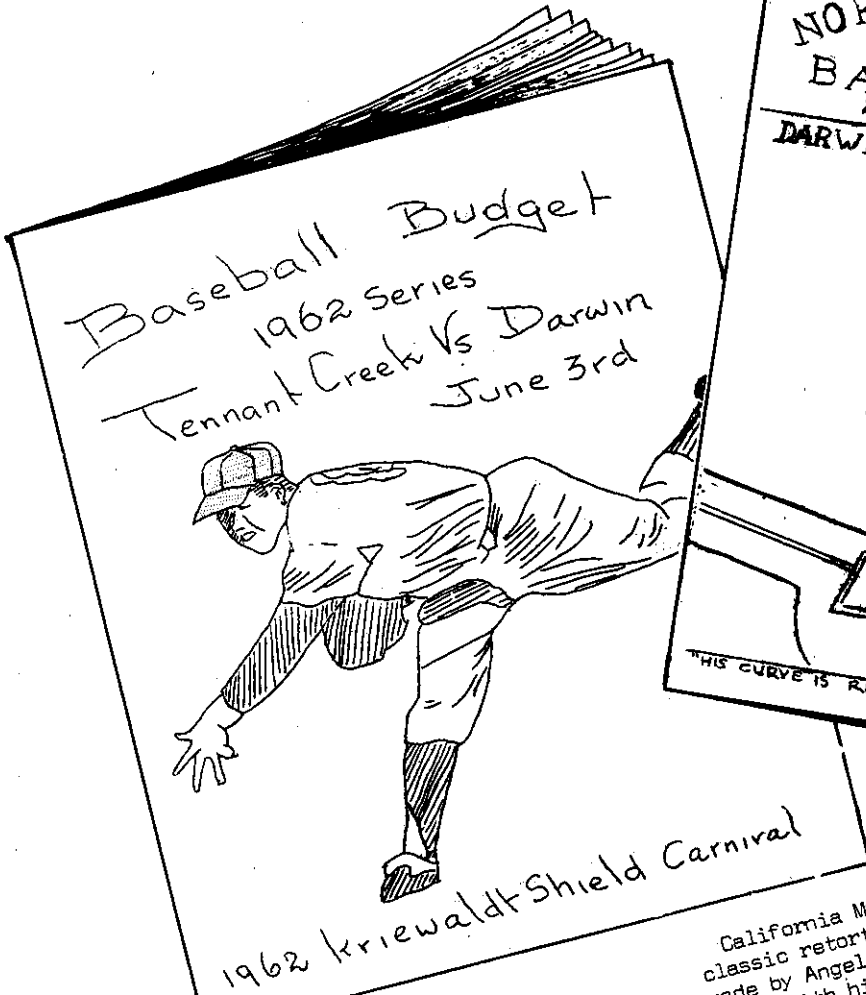
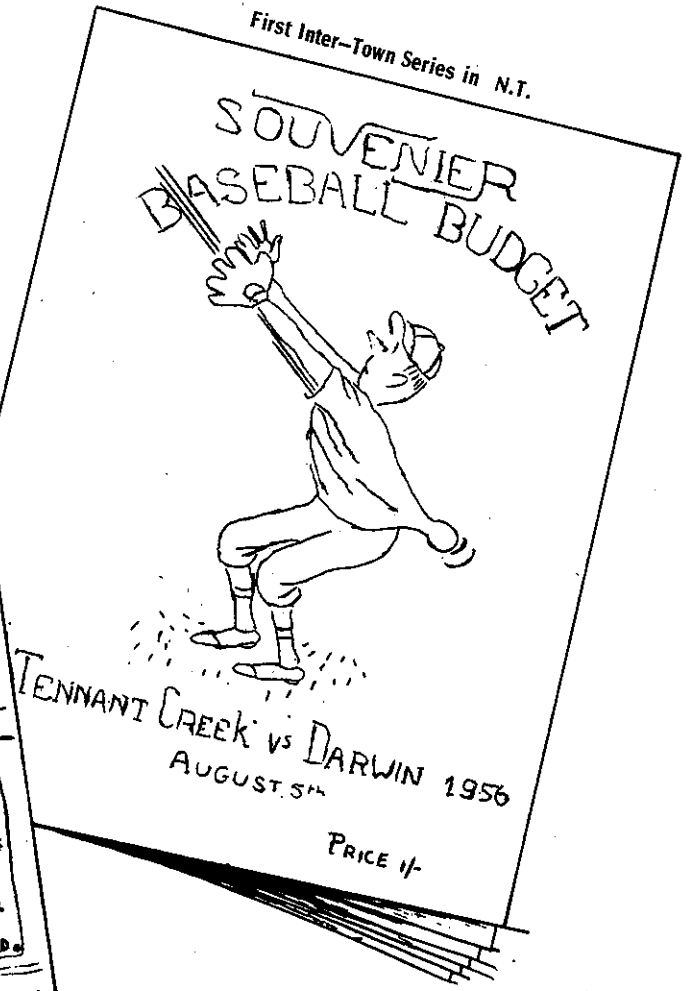
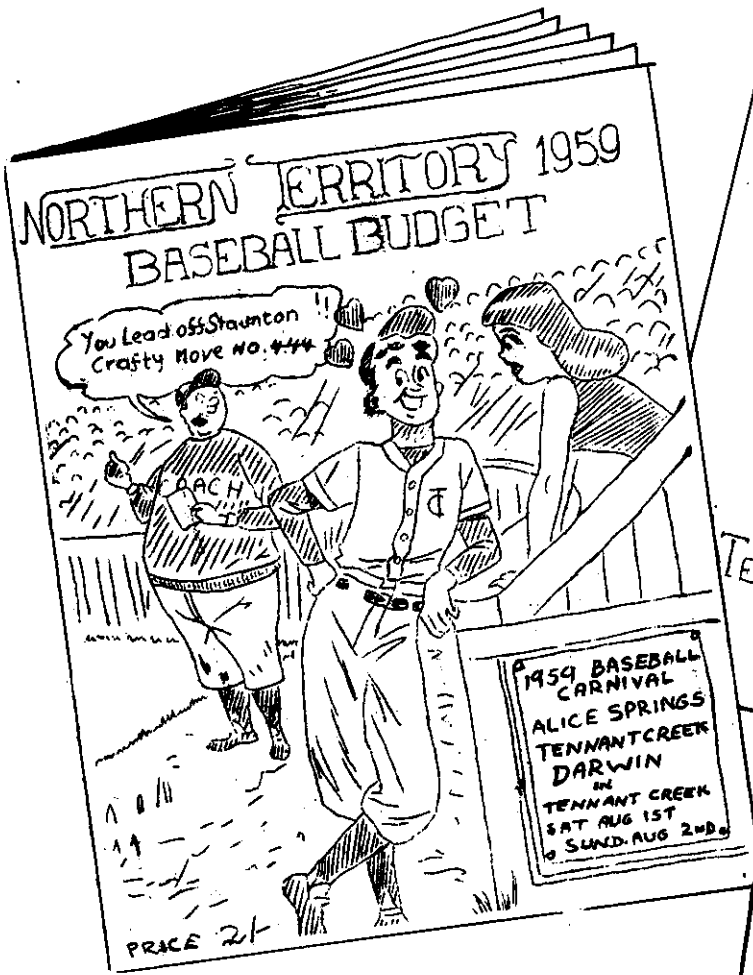
The visitors needed five runs to win and went for the hits. Langford made first on the short stop's error, stole base and scored when Dowling clouted to left for a single. Thyer lifted a high one to Dearborn at left field, Dowling scoring when the catch was missed, then Meagher batted Thyer in with a hit to left; no further runs scored when Archer struck out for side away and game.

Score 7-6 for the home team.

Everybody did their best in the first game and the barracking and comments from the spectators was both encouraging and discouraging, depending on whose side you were on.

I am told that this cheering and barracking was directly responsible for such a large crowd turning up for the afternoon game and I believe it could be heard all over the town. There's no doubt about it - this game really gets them in.

OLD COVERS



California Manager Dick Williams had a classic retort when he heard of a threat made by Angel Mangual of the A's to "get with him." "If he swung and hit me, I'd be very surprised. I've seen things he swings at."



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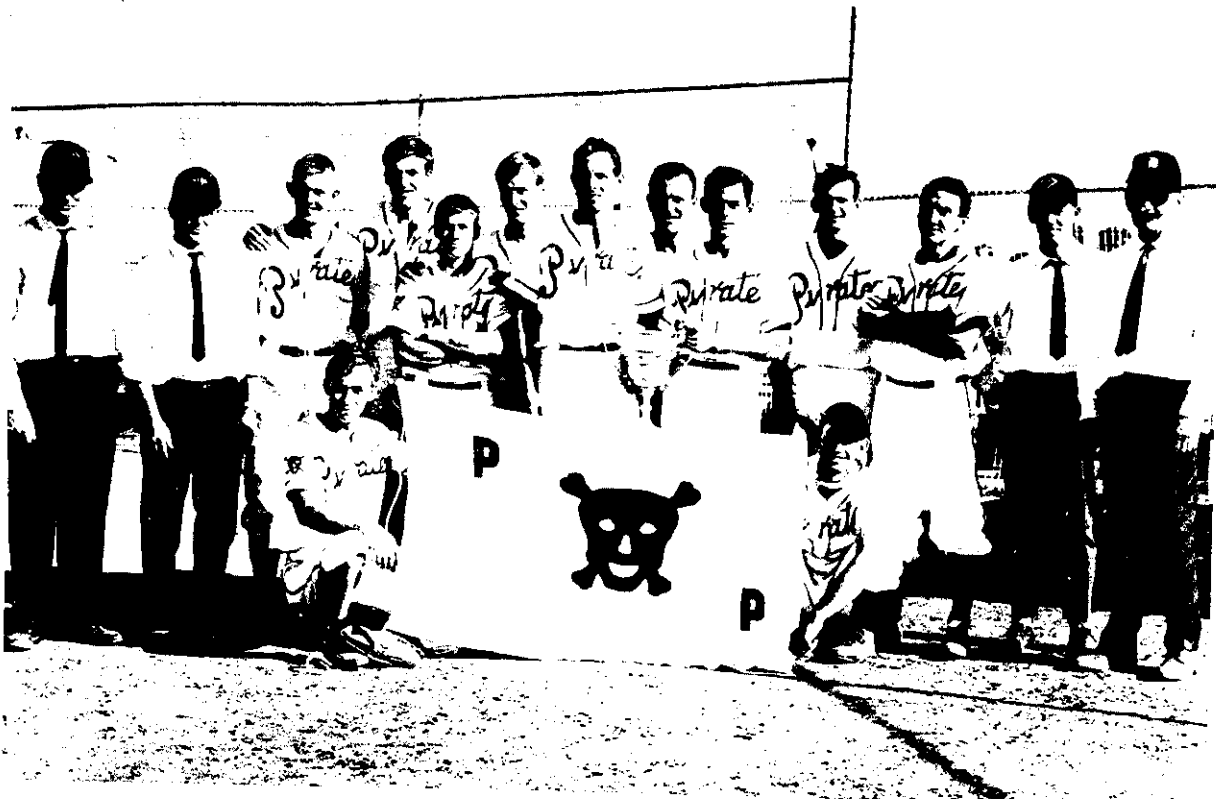
Good Luck



RAMBLERS TEAM 1964 ?

Standing L-R: J. Heinz, P. Ruger, C. Reed,, Mick D'Conner,

Sitting L-R: D. Cook, E. Liddell, P. Lockett, J. Hadraba, Ball Boy.



PIRATES PREMIERS 1968

Left to Right: Basil Hardy, Wally Dixon, Jan Tuxworth,

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

by "Val".

It is over at last - the pennant has been won and we are still a little bewildered over the whole affair.

It is hard to realise that the baseball season is over - this game that really has our town in its grip, the game that has been talked of, practised for, wagered on, argued over (and how!) and played hard for has now ended for the year of 1957.

We will miss it all, but possibly more so than any other part, we will miss that "mad rush" that goes on in every player's home on Sundays. That "mad rush" is a big part in baseball - organising the excited family to be ready on time, vowing each week, "we will not have this last minute confusion next time" but never quite managing to carry out that vow; the hasty donning of uniforms; finding that lost glove; looking for the mislaid cap; dashing back for the baseball shoes and most of all, the tense air created by the hope that our own team can win.

Should we take a stranger to Ebbet's Field today, all he could see would be a hard dusty diamond, a small platform with a little shade over it, a few forms on either side and a large netting frame. It would not present a very exciting picture.

But ask him to use his imagination and hear our story. He would then see the players in their spectacular uniforms arriving; the team's supporters settling down in their favourite positions for the afternoon; the players warming up on the side lines preparing for the game.

Then the big moment - the umpire calling, "Play Ball", and the teams assembling and running in to meet, shaking hands and going before the umpire for the toss.

The coin is flipped, called, and the players take their respective positions on the diamond and the game is on.

From then on the atmosphere is tense, car horns receive a terrific pounding, voices suffer (particularly mine - I lost it last Sunday) and the barracking increases with

each innings until it winds up to a feverish pitch towards the end of the game. Each man is trying for his team - sometimes he tries too hard and does the wrong thing, but keeps on trying with all his will.

It does not make any difference who your team is, there is always that thrill of seeing a good ball pitched over that plate, the big hit with the ball flying through the air, the difficult catch, the stealing from base to base and that desperate run to make "home" and put another run on the board - be it the man in your team or the other side, it is still a thrill to watch these things.

For many weeks to come, we will sit around on Sundays and say "Doesn't it seem strange without baseball, but remember the game when....." and so we will be playing the games over again.

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