

DEAL SYNAGOGUE SOFTBALL LEAGUE

PLAYOFF SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, JUNE 28, 1981



QUARTER FINAL ROUND
BEST 2 OUT OF 3 SERIES



DOW AVE. SCHOOL
(All single games)

DALLAS vs BANDITS 1:00

MAGIQUE vs LATER 2:30

BULLIES vs LONGSHOTS 4:00

PALS vs GIANTS 5:30



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FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

American Division

<u>CAPT.</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>G.B.</u>	<u>R.S.</u>	<u>R.A.</u>	<u>OWN DIVISION RECORD</u>
*Mitchell	Longshots	16	6	.727	-	134	80	6 - 4
*Erani	Magique	14	8	.636	2	118	89	4 - 6
*Saka	Later	14	8	.636	2	116	62	7 - 3
*Marty G.	Gemals Pals	13	9	.591	3	92	62	5 - 5
*Blanco	Bullies	13	9	.591	3	137	120	5 - 5
Harari	Hustlers	9	13	.409	7	117	130	3 - 7

National Division

<u>CAPT.</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>G.B.</u>	<u>R.S.</u>	<u>R.A.</u>	<u>OWN DIVISION RECORD</u>
*Ashkenazi	Giants	13	9	.591	-	98	83	7 - 3
*Nesser	Dallas	12	10	.545	1	100	76	6 - 4
*Fallas	Bandits	11	11	.500	2	100	124	8 - 2
J. Saka	Blue Flames	7	15	.318	6	103	149	4 - 6
Dweck	Fame	7	15	.318	6	107	125	3 - 7
R.V.J.	B.B.'s	3	19	.136	10	61	179	2 - 8

SCORES OF GAMES June 21, 1981

Dallas - 5	Giants - 15	Magique - 8
Fame - 1	Blood B's - 4	Bandits - 2
Dallas - 13	Blood B's - 7	Magique - 7
Fame - 1	Giants - 2	Bandits - 2
Later - 8	Pals - 6	Bullies - 10
Hustlers - 4	Blue Flames - 1	Longshots - 5
Later - 3	Pals - 11	Longshots - 4
Hustlers - 1	Blue Flames - 2	Bullies - 3
Later - 17		
Blood B's - 2		



PLAYOFF PREVIEW

Before sitting down to write our predictions, observations, estimations, and summations of the 1981 first round playoff, it's only fair to let you know that we're the guys who way back in January picked Longshots to finish fifth, Magique sixth and Bandits behind Bloodbrothers. So much for our past sins, besides, we did also pick Giants to come in first, Bullies fourth and Dallas, Pals and Later to be in playoffs, (though not in their actual order). So, with a little swallowing of our pride, a 6 oz. serving of Nemo's favorite "soft" chaser, (it is soft, right Nemo???), and a lot of courage and guts we again take the plunge. . . . Here goes.

MAGIQUE vs LATER

A pair of seemingly very evenly matched teams as both finished with identical 14-8 marks. Season series saw Magique sweep Later 3-2 in 16 innings and 3-0. The two wins gave Magique half of team's total victories vs their own division as the final 4-6 mark is worst of all teams in playoffs. But what about momentum???

Well, Magique's torrid 9 straight win finish is best of all playoff-bound contestants. Stanley "Luke", who we all thought of as a guy you pick in rounds 10-14 has emerged as a super player both on the mound and at bat. The big lefty bat is extremely dangerous in clutch situations as he seems to thrive on the pressure situation two out "do or die" end of the game; has shown a lot of poise on the mound and can "zip" them in with the best of them. Robert Braha in center is a super all around player especially valuable to the team in a defensive role; possesses one of the strongest and accurate throwing arms in league, and few teams if any dare to take chances on base paths when ball is hit up the middle. Morris Gindi at 3B comes to play and really turns it on when hears the word "playoffs".. Ike Franco, the lean, lanky, kid at S.S. once again is having an all-star year, especially in the field as he comes up with anything within range; will have an extra incentive here playing against his ex-Capt. Our hats go off to Capt. Dan who throughout has led this team amid the second guessers and early season turmoil while maintaining a cool head and complete confidence. Can't say enough (and haven't) about the catching of Gerry "Ox" Wygoda an awesome sight for any baserunner rounding third, thinking of bringing home a run. Maurice Zalta, the other end of this catching duo has himself made quite a few big plays of his own. Both men hold on to ball extremely well. Ralphie Zalta has come on as a strong link on this team in O.F. and A.B. David Haddad seems to improve every year in league and will hit consistently and with power. He has shown us that he is more than capable as an outfielder. Elliot Harary can play 2B and rather well at that. David Ash was adding to those rallies all year long. All in all team though not all superstars play together extremely well.



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Later will themselves come in with a modest 3 game win streak and 6 out of their last seven. For a change there is a greater dimension to this Saka team than just the pitching of "The Charles". He does, however, bring into playoffs the best E.R.A. in league, a stingy 2.8 runs allowed per game; also enjoying one of his best years at bat with key hits usually early in games breaking them wide open. Brother Marvin not to be denied is playing like a "youngster" and having fun doing it; a solid first baseman who can, will and does make all the plays expected of him while delivering his big bat in lineup. Speaking of "big" we look for him to come alive in play-offs shaking off the effects of a disappointing season so far. Besides, if he doesn't do it who can Yogi root for now that he's only going to be watching???

Freddie and Eddie have proven their worth to team and handle positions like seasoned veterans, without rattle or pressure. S. F. is, without a doubt, the key to this team if he's on (and he usually is) they win. Adding his experience, talent, and poise doing what he has to, hitting to the right side, left side, up the middle, ground ball, fly ball, you name it, he'll do it. The kid Dweck at 3rd has had an excellent first season. Nemo, Jaws and Phonse aren't just there for the "gas". They each play an active role on this Later team.

SUMMARY



Later has looked extremely powerful in games where they jump out to quick, early and big lead. C. S. doesn't need many runs to hold other team and early cushion seems to make him more relaxed and hence more effective. Later must get hitting from bottom of lineup to keep opposition honest. Cannot shy away from their power as they possess an awesome lineup and on occassion can and should go for "all the marbles".

Much Magique has been here before disguised as "peaches Pirates" to protect the innocent. They know what it takes for them to win and must get big games from Gindi - Braha - Luke - Franco combo. Excellent late inning team and if you give them a chance they will catch you. We would not be surprised to see S.F. in R.F. for Stanley Luke A.B. as he has proven himself as a dead pull hitter.

PREDICTION

Full 3 game series no matter who wins the first with third game decided by a mere run or two. One blowout game probably first.

WINNER??? TOO CLOSE TO CALL

DALLAS vs BANDITS

Bandits come in to playoffs having won two, lost two, won two, lost two, in a very up and down season. Their 11-11 .500 mark is lowest of all playoff qualifiers as their 124 runs surrendered on season is highest. To go with

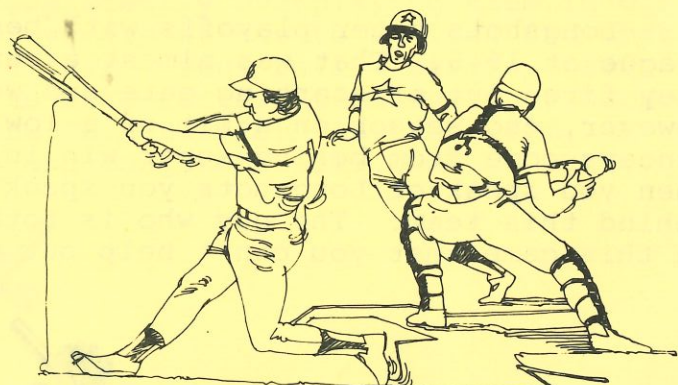
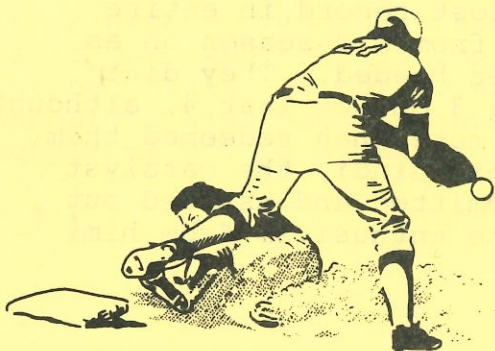
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all this is an astounding 8-2 won-lost against their own division best in league. Just about the only guy other than the Capt. who was a Bandit from draft night on having survived the many changes, and trades, Bucky Dweck will miss first game of playoffs, (at least), (unless Michael can keep air controllers strike going). Speaking of Michael he is having a personally good year with his usual steady "D" and aggressive bat. Joel Nasar at 3rd has improved all his lifetime stats including bases on balls. Eddie Grazi probably leads the team in clutch hits. Stevie Kattan has played up to his first round pick level. On many occasions the Bandits strong showing has raised quite a few eyebrows around league.

Dallas for the most part has been disappointing, a final 12-10 has secured 2nd place for them, but in an admittedly weaker division and in actual recorded stats behind the fifth place team of the other divisions. Jackie Haddad has been about the only week in week out steady performer for Dallas. Nathan Tawil, however, seems to have come alive in the late going. We know Eli Gindi will not let playoffs pass by without making an impression. Eddie Kassin, whose bat has been somewhat dormant of late could very well come alive in post season action giving Dallas old 1,2 Haddad, Kassin punch, reminiscent of old "Red Devil" days. Speaking of old "Red Devils", we're watching Norman Levy reborn again the last couple of weeks. Elliot Kattan has played an excellent R.F. all season long. Marty Hoffstein has kept them more than in every game all season long with superlative pitching. Should be interesting matchup with possibility of Eddie Grazi vs relative Marty Hoff. on mound.

SUMMARY We look for short 2 game series with Marty Hoff. mowing them down. By the time Bucky returns it might be long gone for Bandits. Red Nesser will not be denied semi-final 2 years in a row and will personally see to it that it doesn't happen. Brrother Swami is long overdue and what better time than now. Eli Gindi should find his glove again and prove disastrous for Bandits, and as for Jackie Haddad, "Well", as Red says, "Jackie Haddad is Jackie Haddad". One last note: We know we got burnt picking against Bandits last time, and despite fact that teams split season series feel that timing and momentum may be with Dallas.

PREDICTION: DALLAS IN 2 STRAIGHT



BULLIES vs LONGSHOTS

If Sunday's regular season finale was any indication this should be one heck'eva series. Allow us to recap here: Game One Bullies bomb away behind Moses (quote: Stevie J. "No last name necessary just Moses") with 2 gargantuan home runs (they're still buzzing about the last one) and eight R.B.I.'s. They kept it going in Game 2 with 3 big runs in first inning looking for a season ending sweep of Longshots all the way till the bottom of 7th when Longshots miraculously pull it out with 4 runs, all scoring after 2 men were gone. Abie Serouya with the biggest hit of his career in that one, capping rally by driving in "Gamer." One day and one coin flip later and its again listed - Bullies vs Longshots but this time 2 out of 3 and this time add the word Playoff and what a series we should all see.

Bullies have battled back from an early season 3-6 deficit to close at a more than respectable 13-9 by going on a 10-3 tear since, including 5 out of last six excepting stunning loss to Longshots Sunday. The name of their game is offense and power. They lead all teams in loop in that dept. scoring 137 runs on season for a 6.2 average per game. And it doesn't stop with just Moses who himself offers an awesome sight to opposing pitchers. There's Blanco - Picciotto - Erani - Nesser - Miz - all of whom know a thing or two about what to do with a bat in their hands. "Garr" alert with some new found enthusiasm powering his way down stretch both at S.S. and at plate. Jackie "P" "Goes Wild" or at the very least gets everyone to think he goes wild getting them to go wild if you know what we mean. He's enjoying a super second half with numerous big hits and Game-Busters. On the mound he has more than taking charge and has to be rated among the top pitchers in League both in performance, and charisma. Speaking of charisma you've got to admire the Capt., Bobby Blanco, and tip your cap for an expert job of putting all the many pieces, and personalities on this team together while being able to himself produce at peak first round efficiency. Then there's the guy they call "Willie" in C.F. No. 24, otherwise known as Stevie "J" whose intensity sometimes gets him in an awful lot of trouble but can, and did (when he pulls himself together, forgets about bad calls and the like) cover that O.F. position as well as anyone, with the glide and grace to make even the difficult plays seem like common play. Sammy "Ribs" is enjoying his best season in League to date with key hits in closing season games. Davie Miz has done the job at 3 B or in S.C. and his bat is as potent as ever. There's a kid named Stevie Tawil you didn't read much about who has contributed his share all season long. Round it out with Eddie Blanco, Eli Tawil, Jack Hakim, etc. and you have a very formidable staff.

Longshots enter playoffs with best won lost record in entire League at 16-6. That was almost a certainty from mid-season on as they fired out of starting gate and were never headed. They did, however, end season on a bit of a low, losing 3 out of last 4, although Sundays come from behind super win in Game 2 more than redeemed them. When you speak of Longshots you speak of Ronnie Gindi, the catalyst behind this team. The guy who is totally committed and psyched out on this game that you can't help but catch the enthusiasm from him.



An All-Star in every phase of the game, he's "short stopping" at record pace for Longshots. Speed, power, and bat maneuverability make him a feared man at plate. Can break open any game with one swing of a bat and did just that more times this season than we could remember. Elliot Betesh gets it going almost every game and doesn't stop until last out is recorded. Has displayed enormous power this season with clout after clout from all important left side of the plate. A "Go and gettem" center-fielder who will make all the plays asked of him. How about the Capt.?? Mitchell G. has responded in a big way on and off the field molding this team into a winner. His mound heroics though not given as much "Press" as others have kept Longshots at the height of their game. And what's wrong with Harvey "Shutout" Shomer in the "Pén" who has amassed a few record setting performances during season? Then comes the guy at 3 B a former Bullie himself with perhaps such a common name that it would go unnoticed. We speak of Morris Cohen whose contribution to team and display in line-up have not gone unnoticed to anyone (except maybe a certain weekly publication) He's having a super year at the hot corner and can be "Thee" bat in playoffs. How about a matching bookend at first by the name of Morris "Blimp" Ashear. You wonder how he fits in that car every week as you see him climb out and "take the field", the whole field. Very difficult to get one by him at 1st on a hit or throw. Saw his name in almost every Longshot rally of season. David, the other Betesh boy, is in R.F. and holds down position extremely well. Leon Schnieder will get our comeback player of the year for a superlative effort at 2 B plugging up the center of the diamond. Abil Serouya's big hit Sunday will not be his last. His concentration and knowledge of game is asset to any team. Morris Chalom the left-fielder, will not be around by the fourth round of next year's draft. How about Gary Gemal he's got to be the best short center in League at moment, positioning himself so well that every ball was only a "dive" away. Young Eli Haddad has developed an awful lot in the course of this year. And Yes, there is another Charles Saka and Brenda's hubby made us all aware of that fact more than once this year with Big Big Hits.

SUMMARY It might just boil down to defense and Bullies have been vulnerable in that dept. second only to Bandits with 120 "hand outs" on season. If Mitchell could hold them down (and it's a big IF with that potent line up) Ronnie Gindi and Co. might just steal it away. Longshots are no pushovers themselves at bat with 135 run total on season only 2 shy of Bullies. Look for hitting to be heavy and often as we don't expect any shutouts here. Who can provide the biggest "UP" Picciotto or Gindi? That too could tell the story. Bullies have to score early and not "let up" as Longshots have displayed on more than that one occasion the ability to "come back". They must keep Elliot Betesh & Ronnie off bases consistently overplaying them in O.F. if necessary. Another thing can prove disastrous to Bullies and that is to get caught up in umpiring and fair - foul, ball - strike, - safe-out, bad calls. Bobby B. will try to make certain this does not happen. Longshots will have to shut down the "Big Bullies" on this team. A couple of o'fers by Bullie Big Men and Longshots will come in again.



PREDICTION A full 3 game series. All high scoring with Bullies offense proving to be too much to hold down as they "run away" with 3rd decisive game.

GIANTS vs GEMALS PALS

Ike Dweck is smiling again and it has more to do with than the fact he won a "Giant" coin toss. It has to do with him being there at all as just a few short weeks ago "Grant" and Co. were at 2 and 5 tied with R.V.J. for worst record in loop. From that point on they turn it around going 11 and 4 to finish with a 13-9 mark good for 1st place in the "Other" division. The defense was there always, all year long - Ike and Mishaan - leading the way, but the agonizing 1 run defeats. Of their 9 losses, 5 were by the margin of one run and three of those by the score of 1-0. Finally the hitting came and some of it from new sources. David Shrique, this year's version of Joey Esses at bat, was the only man in lineup to hit in early going and got stronger as season progressed. Quite a few game winning hits by David to go with his flawless play in short center. The Michael Mishaan bat came alive midway thru and has carried more than its weight down stretch. "H & H," Ebani & Shamah have contributed some key power blasts. Eddie Kassin has become more consistent at season's end. Saulie Winthrop was "pulling out" those clutch hits again along with a muscle or two in the bargain. Albert Ades stuck it out at 3rd and this past week showed up his bat with 3 big hits including a tremendous wallop for a triple. Moe Cohen, quiet, cheerful, unassuming has done the job at 1 B and upon many occasions with the bat. The "Speak softly carry a big stick" Captain Marty G. stupendous on the mound from opening day on has proven Phonse's statement of "Marty Gemal??? If I was Captain I'd take him first. One of the 10 best players in League. Very underrated." and while its true that Phonse was never Captain and has since made the same statement about 26 other guys being the 10 best we tend to agree with him here in the hitting dept. that Marty is underrated. Can hit to all fields and with power and one of few hitters in League that can truly place ball. He is enjoying a personal good all-around year.

The Tobias boys, Neil and Robert, have contributed to team while splitting catching chores. This especially true in Sunday's finale as Neil and Robert both came thru with big hits in twin win while "Toby" pitched extremely well - which leaves us at square root #1 and one bat that has yet to pop as it could --- Ike Dweck -- and it just might come around in a big way beginning this Sunday.

"GIANTS" not only named so for their Captain's mouth are a money team. When its on the line, and its playoff time, forget the past records and stats and watch front, Beyda and Co. go. This years Giant M.V.P. (at least) has got to be Joey Braha. He's performed errorlessly in C.F., making the big plays while rifling strikes from any part of the ballfield. The rookie sensation Richie Braha is the lone Braha brother participating in this years post season play, an oddity. Stevie "Big" Nasar has played all of that both offensively and defensively. Kemmy Cohen with his strongest season to date also both ways. Elliot Mavorah is L.F. fast, skilled, and among team's assets. The re-acquired Charlie Hadad thrilled to be here and contributing in a

big way. Elliot R. Dweck at first, we saw him get at least a couple of game winning hits. Phumphy - Josh - Eddie Gindi all good pure, tried hitters. But as always it boils down to a man or two and in this case its Eddie Beyda and "Storefront".

SUMMARY Forget all that nonsense about Eddie Beyda not having it anymore. He just needed something to get him started like a seven letter word spelled P _ _ _ _ F Oh how young it can make you feel. Look for both his bat and glove to play a big roll in this series. Sammy front on mound with any team behind him is still worth a couple of runs a game between the combination of "Gas", Talent, and Sheer Guts. A clutch 2 out rally hitter. By the way if you're going to be looking for Josh on the mound ----- forget about it --- there ain't no way "Front" gives this one out, after waiting a year since the famous Marty Miz "Un Slide." J.B. should continue to have excellent series.

As for Pals, besides Ike & Marty they must get production from the "H" Squad and by that we mean plenty of base hits. A couple of Big Eddie Kassin hits might "go a long way". Saully Tawil should have good hitting series against Front. Pals have got to score early thereby building their confidence as we witnessed in 2 Longshot upsets.

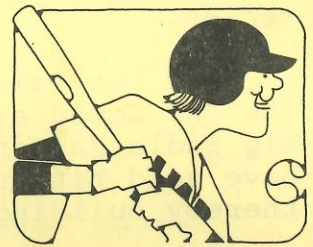
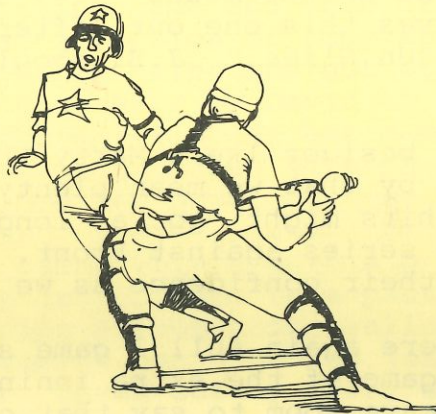
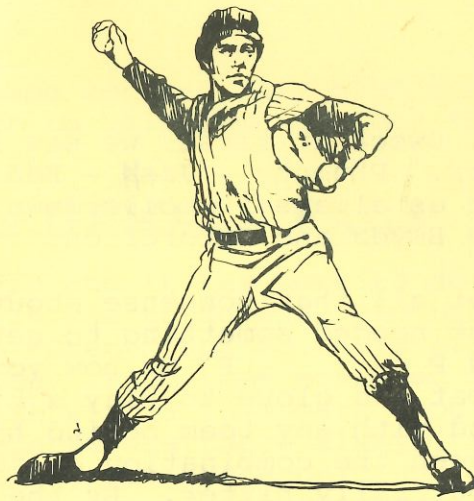
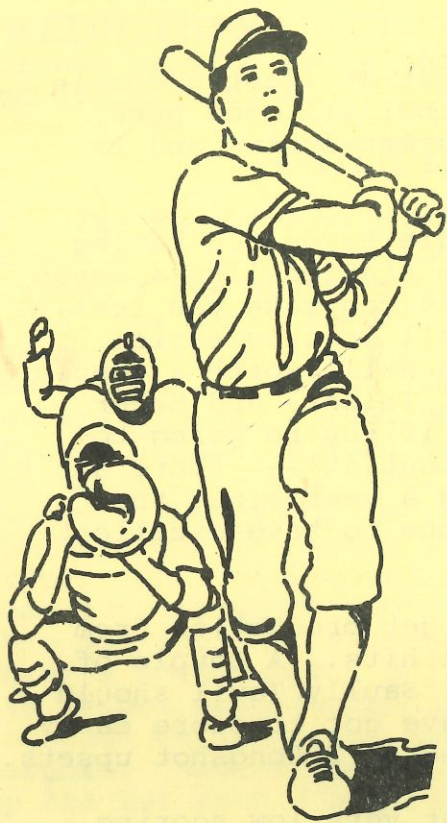
PREDICTION Here again full 3 game series but very low scoring and at least one game of the extra inning variety ---- we'll go with Giants in 3 but leave room to say that one hot batter for Pals could spell major upset.

AND FINALLY:

FOR A JOB WELL DONE

To Captains Joe Harari, Eli Dweck, Jack Saka, Ronnie Jemal and to all their respective teammates on Hustlers, Fame, Blue Flame, and Blood Brothers we say Thank You. It's something that can't be measured in wins and losses. A certain closeness, appreciation, respect, if not down right friendship and love developed over the course of a long season among players from different walks of life, varied ages, distinct levels of talent and playing skills all sharing and combining their efforts for the sake of that all important word called Team. Compromising their own individual wants and needs to form a stronger more structured group with total harmony and understanding. Unfortunately we can't all win all the time in the record book and in the standings, but can be, and are all winners if we just brought a little more happiness, fun, and love into the lives of other fellow human beings.





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