

THE BLACK BEAR NEWS

1ST EDITION

MAY 2002

Dear Fans,

On behalf of the entire organization, I would like to personally thank you for supporting the Berkshire Black Bears. I can assure you that you will be more than pleased with our product on and off the field. I am committed to providing quality family entertainment and championship caliber baseball. All of my teams are dedicated to improving the quality of life in the communities in which they play. From supporting Pittsfield's Girls Inc., to the National Bone Marrow Foundation to helping the local little leagues raise money; the Berkshire Black Bears understand the responsibility we have to the people around us.



In the past few months, we have taken multiple steps to improving the fan experience at Wahconah Park. In addition to painting the facility, putting up a new fence and installing new stadium seating for our Box Seat patrons, I have partnered with the Crown Plaza and their renowned chef, Steve Mongeon, to provide our fans with some of the best food in all of baseball. The Black Bears have also installed a state of the art sound system to bring to life the sounds of baseball.

The Black Bears will be led by, legendary slugger, George "Boomer" Scott. The team is made up of top quality professional ballplayers from around the country. The Northern League is the most respected independent professional baseball league in the world. Our players play hard and our teams are built to win. Dozens of Northern League players are sold to Major League organizations each year and we expect to see some of our players in the big leagues some day.

Personally, I look forward to spending my summer and many summers to come at Wahconah Park. I appreciate the opportunity that has been given to me to be part of your community and I look forward to making you proud. I welcome all suggestions to how we can improve your experience at the park and please feel free to come to me with your comments. The only way we can make this better is if we hear from you. Once again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Fleisig

**Can't Make it to
the Game?
Listen to all the
Exciting Black
Bears Action on
Star 101.7**

Upcoming Games and Promotions

May 25 7:05pm - GE Plastics & Berk. Eagle

Fireworks / Crescent

Creamery & WBRK

Schedule Magnet

May 28 - 30 - Chamber of Commerce Nights

June 7 7:05pm - Kids Disney Hat Giveaway -

National Marrow

Foundation

June 8 7:05pm - \$ Line with Lou Dobbs

Adult T-Shirt Giveaway -

National Marrow

Foundation

June 9 2:05pm - Mia Hamm Appearance/

Kids Video Giveaway -

2002 Berkshire Black Bears

Opening Day Roster

As of
5/22/02

<u>No.</u>	<u>Pitchers</u>	<u>Bats</u>	<u>Throws</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Birthdate</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Resides</u>
13	Trad Sokol	R	L	6' 1"	200	5/12/1977	LS - 4	Charleston, WV
18	Yfrain Linares	R	R	6' 2"	180	12/7/1969	LS - 4	Carabobo, VZ
6	Brian Gouin	R	R	6' 1"	170	10/21/1979	Rookie	Baltic, CT
26	Julio Rangel	R	R	6' 3"	190	9/28/1975	Vet	Tampa, FL
17	Aaron Akin	R	R	6' 2"	190	7/13/1977	LS - 3	Melbourne, FL
20	Jackson Crowther	R	R	6' 4"	195	9/14/1976	LS - 3	Riverside, CA
25	Ken Henderson	R	L	6' 5"	230	11/9/1977	LS - 2	Port Washington, NY
14	Jed Rogers	R	R	6' 2"	205	12/15/1978	LS - 1	Westerly, RI
30	Jim Harrison	R	R	6' 4"	225	9/5/1978	Rookie	Moss Beach, CA
<u>Catchers</u>								
24	Justin Varitek	R	R	6' 3"	230	6/5/1978	Rookie	Longwood, FL
7	Ryan Smith	R	R	5' 10"	195	6/20/1979	LS-3	Mifflinburg, PA
<u>Infielders</u>								
8	Todd Brock	R	R	5' 11"	185	4/7/1978	LS - 1	Georgetown, DE
2	Oginga Aaron	R	R	6'	165	9/21/1979	LS - 1	Irvine, CA
22	Eric White	R	R	6' 1"	180	10/13/1972	Vet	Diamond Bar, CA
12	Adrian Menodoza	L	L	6' 2"	190	8/30/1978	LS - 1	Simi Valley, CA
9	Joe Kerrigan	L	R	5' 10"	180	11/1/1977	LS - 3	Ardmore, PA
21	Tony DeMarco	R	R	6'	195		Rookie	Las Vegas, NV
<u>Outfielders</u>								
16	Jerome Daniels	L	L	5' 8"	150	6/14/1978	Rookie	Greenville, MS
19	Chris Sawyer	R	R	5' 11"	195	8/12/1973	LS - 5	East Hartford, CT
29	Angel Valdez	R	R	6' 2"	178	5/22/1978	LS - 4	Tampa, FL
23	Larry Brown	L	L	6' 4"	225	3/22/1981	LS - 2	San Fernando, CA
10	Elvis Nelson	R	R	6' 1"	200		Rookie	
<u>Disabled List</u>								
3	Paul Avery	L	L	6'	180	1/29/1977	LS - 3	Clovis, CA
<u>Coaching Staff</u>								
5	George Scott							Jackson, MS
15	Rafael Valdez		Manager					New York City, NY
11	LeRoy Griffith		Pitching Coach					Saskatoon, MAN
			Hitting Coach					

BOOMER BACK IN TOWN

The long awaited return of George "Boomer" Scott to historic Wahconah Park has finally arrived. For some, it doesn't seem that long ago that the future Red Sox star was leading his Pittsfield team to a championship. Scott won the coveted Triple Crown in 1965, leading the Eastern League in batting, homeruns and RBI's. The next season, Boomer was on his way to Fenway Park and an illustrious major league career that amassed over 270 homeruns and a 1000 RBI's.

Today, George Scott plays the role of manager. Since, 1982 he has managed professional baseball. In 1996, Boomer joined Jonathan Fleisig in Lynn, Massachusetts to lead the Mad Dogs. In their inaugural season in Lynn, Boomer led the Mad Dogs to the best record in the league. Scott is excited to reunite with Fleisig after a short stint in the Texas-Louisiana League. Many times Boomer has said that Jonathan Fleisig is the best owner in all of baseball and he is the only thing keeping the ex-All Star from retiring from the game.

The Black Bear players and the fans are in for a treat with Boomer. Not only does he wield 40 years of professional baseball experience, but few will challenge Scott's undeniable love for the game. He is one of the most entertaining, knowledgeable and caring people in all of professional sports. His stern belief that players should be good role models and important members of the community is only surpassed by his own love for the fans. Boomer is genuinely excited about returning to Pittsfield and is determined to bring the Berkshires a championship this season.

Get ready fans for a fun filled summer because Boomer is back in town!

