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"CENTENNIAL 67 BASEBALL SERIES"

ALASKA GOLDPANNERS

VS.

NIPPON KUMAGAI-GUMI (World Amateur Champions)

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FAIRBANKS, ALASKA: June 18-19-20-21 ANCHORAGE, ALASKA: June 24-25-26-27

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"CENTENNIA" (/ BASEBALL SERIES: (GENERAL)

One of the c tstanding sports events in the history of Alaska will take place in June of Alaska's Centennial year, when the World Amateu Champion Kumagai-Gumi baseball team from Tokyo, Japan and the nationally ranked Alaska Goldpanners clash in an eight game s ries in Fairbanks and Anchorage.

Sponsored by Kumagai-Gumi Co., Ltd., one of the leading construction companies in Japan, the World Amateur Champions from the "Land of the Rising Sun" will meet the squad from the "Land of the Midnight Sun" in an eight game series opening at 2:30PM on Sunday, June 18th in Fairbanks. The Sunday opener will be followed by evening games scheduled to get underway at 7:30PM on June 19th and 20th. Highlight of the four game Fairbanks series will be the 63rd ANNUAL MIDNIGHT SUN GAME on June 21st. Commencing at 10:30PM this "one of a kind" baseball game will see JAPAN and ALASKA battle under the MIDNIGHT SUN, (without the aid of artificial lights) past the hour of midnight and into the early morning hours of June 22nd.

Governor Walter J. Hickel will proclaim June 21st as ALASKA-JAPAN DAY throughout the state, and will highlight the "longest day" classic by throwing out the first ball. Additional pregame events will include native dances, Eskimo blanket tosses, and entertainment in the Gay Nineties tradition by members of the ALASKA 67 CENTENNIAL ASSOCIATION OF THE ARTS.

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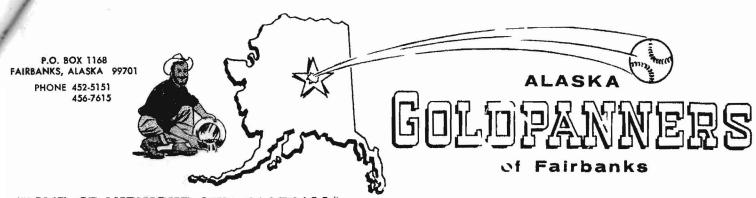
At the stroke of MIDNIGHT the game will be halted, and Nancy Wellman, Miss Alaska 1966 will sing the Alaska Flag Song to the accompaniment of the 9th Army Band from Ft. Wainwright. This will be immediately followed by the Japanese National Anthem. As the strains of the Alaska Flag Song and the Japanese National Anthem mark this Centennial milestone in the history of Alaska, a gigantic fireworks display will join the Arctic Midnight Sun in illuminating the skies of this farthest north outpost of international baseball,

Following the "Midnight Sun Classic" the squads will enjoy an off day prior to heading South to resume the battle in Anchorage, Alaska's largest city. Scheduled to arrive in the Knik Arm city on Alaska Airlines Golden Nugget 727 the morning of June 23rd, the two squads vill be greeted with another Alask welcome as the city of Anchorage turns out in parade fashion to great the internationally recognized teams. Following a days sightseeing in the Anchorage area the two squads will get back to the bastle of the Fucific Rim as they open in a 7:30PM game Saturday, June 24th at Mu cehy Park. The second of the four game series will feature a Sunday afternoon game at 2:30PM the 25th, and will wind up with single games at 7:30PM c. ... ne 26th and 27th.



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PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF THESE TWO TEAMS:

In August of 1966 the 1st WORLD AMATEUR PASEBALL TOURNAMENT recognized on the International level was held in Honolulu, Hawaii. The tournament consisted of two phases. The Hawaiian Invitational Tournament, and the World Amateur Tournament. The Hawaiian Invitational phase consisted of the Hawaii Civilian All Star Team and the Armed Forces Pacific All Star Team. In the World Amateur Tournament teams from the Republic of Korea, Republic of the Phillippines, Japan and the United States were represented.

Japan won the World Amateur Tournament by defeating the Phillippines. Korea and the United States in three successive games. Alaska won the Hawaiian Invitational by defeating Hawaii, and the Armed Forces Pacific in two straight.

Alaska and Japan then met in the finals of a special World Invitational series with Alaska handing Japan two successive cefeats to win the overall Invitational series.

During this series, warm friendships were established between the members of the Japanese delegation and Goldpanner Manager, H. A. "Red" Boucher, as well as members of the Japan and Alaska teams. From this series emerged the initial invitation for Japan to participate in a series in Alaska celebrating the "Centennial Year" of 1967.



Following a meeting of the Board of Directors of Kumagai-Gumi Co., Lil., and the Japan Sakaijin Baseball Assn. a recision was reached to send a 25 man party to Alaska for thi series.

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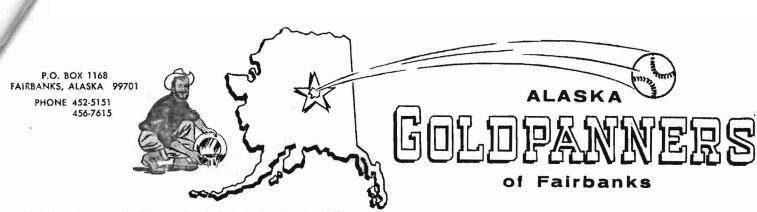
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STATISTICS ON JAPAN-ALASKA SERIES IN HAWAII:

	Name	Team	AB	R	H	<u>2b</u>	<u>3b</u>	HR	TB	RBI	PCT.
	Obitsu	Japan	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1.000
	Boone	Alaska	8	2	4	0	1	0	6	2	• 500
	Furuta	Japan	5	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	.400
	Seinsoth	Alaska	8	2	3	0	0	1	6	2	.375
	House	Alaska	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	.333
	Gallagher	Alaska	8	0	2	1	0	0	3	1	• 250
	Schaffer	Alaska	8	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	. 250
	Miyaji	Japan	4	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	.250
	Makuta	Japan	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	.200
	Inoue	Japan	7	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	.143
	Harrison	Alaska	8	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	.125
	Hannah	Alaska	8	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	.125
	Ramshaw	Alaska	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Southard	Alaska	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	. 000
	Rose	Alaska	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	,000
	Edamatsu	Japan	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Imamura	Japan	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Kawano	Japan	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Shinki	Japan	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Tamamori	Japan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Fukuoka	Japan	3	0	•	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Ushiro	Japan	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Jinno	Japan	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Fujitsu	Japan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Kiyosawa	Japan	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Kawasaki	Japan	. 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Hiramatsu	Japan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Lee	Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Adamson	Alaska	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
	Andrens	Alaska	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
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	ALASKA							54	24	6	.929
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PITCHING

Name	Team	Won	Lost	IP	ER	BB	<u>so</u>	ERA
House Lee	Alaska Alaska	1	0	7 3	0 0	8 1	6 3	0.00
Adamson	Alaska	0	0	1	0	ò	1	0.00
Rose Fujitsu	Alaska Japan	1 0	0 1	6	2 2	9 0	6 4	2.57 3.00
Kiyosawa Obitsu	Japan Japan	0 0	0	5 4	2 2	0	4 4	3.60 4.50
Hiramatsu	Japan	ŏ	Ō	2	2	1	2	9.00

SUMMARY OF JAPAN-ALASKA IN HAWAII:

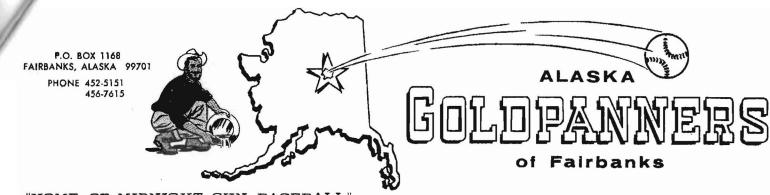
In the opening game Tom House (USC Frosh) who had previously beaten the Hawaiian All Stars was picked to go against Hiromichi Kiyosawa right hander from the Nippon Iron Pipe Co. House proceeded to upset the dope sheet as he held the Nippon Squad to four scattered hits while the Alaska team posted five runs on six hits to hand the World Tourney champions their first defeat 5-0.

In the second game of the best two out of three series, Manager, "Red" Boucher of the Goldpanners, selected fireballer Mike Adamson (USC Frosh) to oppose Yasuo Fujitsu (previous winner in World Tourney) of Japan. Adamson pulled a back muscle in the first inning and gave way to Don Rose (Stanford Frosh.) Alaska scored two in their half of the sixth, and Fujitsu was replaced by Japan's sensational 18 year old righthander, Masaji Hiramatsu, who has received sizeable bonus offers from Japanese professional baseball. The Alaska squad jumped on Hiramatsu for two hits and two runs in their half of the seventh to



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take a 4-0 lead. Japan came back with two in the eighth on a base on balls to Edamatsu and a round tripper by leftfielder Hiroaki Inoue. Rose tired in the ninth when he walked the first batter to face him and lefthander Bill Lee made his second relief appearance of the series. Lee (USC soph.) set the Nippon squad down in order and gave the Alaska squad a clean sweep on the special two game series.

BACKGROUND ALASKA GOLDPANNERS:

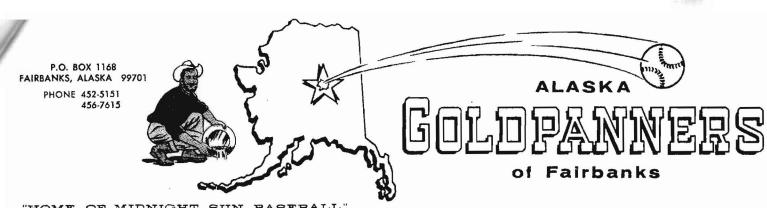
Since 1962 when the Alaska Goldpanners entered the National Non-Professional Tournament in Wichita, Kansas they have vaulted into national prominence and are recognized by both Amateur and Professional baseball as one of the outstanding amateur baseball programs in the world. Some of their achievements are as follows:

ALASK	A STATE CHAMPIONS:	1961-62-63-64-65-66					
	Non-Pro Tournament Wichita, Kansas	National Non-Pro Runner Up Non-Pro Team Of The Year Most Popular Team Best Young Team Most Aggressive Team Best Dressed Team Best Team Appearing 1st Time Team Traveling The Farthest Manager Of The Year; H.A. "Red" Boucher All American Team John Stapp Pitcher H.A. "Red" Boucher Manager					
1963	Non-Pro Tournament Wichita, Kansas	National Third Place Most Popular Team Number One District Champion Best Dressed Team Team Traveling The Farthest Most Valuable Player Sam Suplizio Outfield					
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1963 Non-Pro Tournament Wichita, Kansas (contd.)

1964 Non-Pro Tournament Wichita, Kansas

Leading Pitcher Dave Dowling Leading Hitter Sam Suplizio Outfield Sandlotter Of The Year Dave Dowling Pitcher All American Team Dave Dowling Pitcher Sam Suplizio Outfield

National Non-Pro Runner-Up Most Aggressive Team Best Dressed Team Best Young Team Number One District Champion Team Traveling The Farthest Best Offensive Team Team With Most Extra Base Hits Leading Tournament Home Run Hitter Graig Nettles Outfield Sportsmanship Award Sam Suplizio All American Team Buddy Bovender Third Base Bud Hollowell Catcher Graig Nettles Outfield Tom Seaver Pitcher Gary Sutherland Second Base

National Fourth Place Best Dressed Team Best Young Team Team Traveling The Farthest Sandlotter Of The Year Ray Henningsen Third Base All American Team John Herbst Pitcher Ray Henningsen Utility



1966 1st World Amateur Hawaii

1965 Non-Pro Tournament

Wichita, Kansas

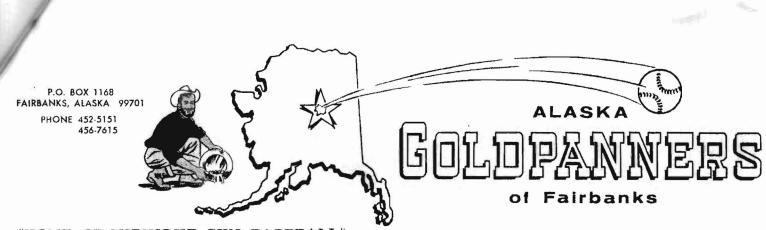
Championship, Honolulu defeated World Champion Japanese team two straight in World Invitational

Winner of Hawaiian Invitations; and

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GOLDPANNERS WHO HAVE ADVANCED TO PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL:

The Goldpanner program is part of the NCAA Summer Baseball Program, and draws on the finest young talent in college baseball to make up their roster. Over 47 team and individual awards have been bestowed on the team in National and International competition, by far the greatest number ever awarded to any team in the history of Non-Professional competition.

The average age of the team is 19½ and the average tenure of a college player on the Goldpanner roster is 1½ years before they are signed by professional baseball. Bonuses in excess of \$900,000.00 have been paid to former Goldpanners who have signed professional contracts. Rick Monday, centerfielder for the 1964 Goldpanners, and now with the Kansas City Athletics was signed for \$104,000.00 in thr first Major League draft in 1965. Former Goldpanners are now swelling the ranks of professional baseball. Dave Dowling (Cubs) Rick Monday (Athletics) and recently Tom Seaver (Mets) have reached the Majors, with numerous others having advanced to AAA and AA classifications.





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KUMAGAI-GUMI, JAPAN WORLD AMATEUR CHAMPIONS:

Kumagai-Gumi Company, Ltd. one of the leading construction companies in Japan, organized its baseball club in 1948.

During the past 18 years, the team affiliated with the Japan Shakaijin Baseball Association won the National Championship three times in 1957, 1960 and 1966. The construction company team, whose players are former college players also captured the World Baseball Title in 1957 when they took part in the 3rd Global World Series held in Detroit, Michigan. Average age of the team is 24. In 1966 at the 1st World Amateur Tournament in Honolulu, Hawaii, Japan annexed the 1st World Amateur Championship by defeating the Philippines, Korea and the United States in three successive games.

Founded in 1902, the Kumagai-Gumi Construction Company has been active in many fields of construction. Japan's famous Sakuma Dam, Akiha Dam, Kuroke Dam as well as Tokyo's highways, subways, and Olympic facilities owe much to this firm. It was the Board of Directors of Kumagai-Gumi that authorized the expenditure for travel of the 20 man team and 5 man delegation to Alaska to participate in the CENTENNIAL 67 BASEBALL SERIES.



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ROSTER J APAN KUMAGAI-GUMI BASEBALL TEAM WORLD AMATEUR CHAMPIONS 1966

Uniform	# Name (Last & first)	Pos.	Age	Weight	Height	School Attended
Ĩ	YAMAMOTO, Kazuo	Inf.	20	168	5'8"	Kyushu H.S.
2	KATO, Noboru	lnf.	19	150	517"	Nodai H.S.
3	KATO, Hironori	Out.	21	158	5'7"	Chiba Keiai H.S.
5	*FURUTA, Masayuki	Inf.	33	150	5'4"	Rikkyo Univ.
6	*JINNO, Teruvasu	Inf.	21	148	5'3"	lmaharu-Nishi H.S.
9	NISHIDA, Noboru	Inf.	22	144	5'4"	Waseda Univ.
10	KONISHI, Ryonosuke	lnf.	22	160	517"	Waseda Univ.
H	HAYASHI, Katsuhiro	P/PH	23	150	5'7"	Senshu Univ.
4	OKABE, Toshihisa	P/PH	25	164	5'6"	Komazawa Univ.
16	*00BITSU, Teruhiko	P/RH	23	144	5'4"	Toyo, Univ.
18	*FUJITSU, Yasuo	P/RH	25	152	5'6"	Tobata H.S.
19	MORI, Masahiro	P/RH	23	158	5'8"	Shibaura Tech. Coll.
20	USHIRO, Masaru	#Out.	23	148	5'3"	Rikkyo Univ.
23	ITO, Tomoyuki	Out.	22	164	5'7"	Nagoya Commercial Univ.
24	*KAWANO, Sunao	С	26	152	5'6"	Tsuno H.S.
25	*TAMAMORI, Isao	Out.	24	154	5'6"	Aichi Univ.
26	MATSUO, Manabu	С	19	146	5'2"	Kyushu Tech, H.S.
27	*KAWASAKI, Shunqo	#0ut.	27	168	5'5"	Shibaura Tech, Coll.



* Member 1966 World Champions in Hawaii Manager #5 Masayuki FURUTA # Bats left, all other bat right Captain #27 Shungo, KAWASAKI

NOTE: See press release (April 15) for detailed background on team and KUMACAI-GUMI Co. Ltd. Available on request.

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ROSTER ALASKA GOLDPANNERS 1967

Uniform#	Name (Last & first)	Pos.	Age	Weight	Height	School Attending
10	*WILSON, Emmitt	#U†i	30	165		None, Fairbanks
11	GRIFFIN, MIIO	Util	22	180	5'11"	Univ. of Alaska
12	*GALLAGHER, Bob	#U†11	19	182	6'3"	Stanford Univ.
13	*NETTLES, Jim	#OF	20	180	6'	San Diego State
14	GALLIHER, Marvin	2b/0F	19	175	5'11"	San Diego City Coll.
15	VINCENT, Wayne	#P/LH	20	172	5'9"	Florida State Univ.
17.	BARR, Jim	P/RH	19	215	6'3"	Univ. So. Calif.
20	STRANE, Albert	SS	20	170	6'	Santa Clara, Univ.
22	GASPAR, Rod	%OF	21	180	6'	Long Beach State Coll.
30	STRANE, Alvin	2b	20	170	6'	Santa Clara, Univ.
33	NITSCHKE, Buzz	С	20	190	6'	Fresno State Coll.
40	SANSERINO, Gary	SS	19	180	6'	UCLA
44	*HANNAH, Jim	С	20	190	5'10"	Wash. State Univ.
50	*LEE, BIII	#P/LH	20	185	6'3"	Univ. So. Callf
€55	*ADAMSON, Mike	P/PH	19	190	6'2"	Univ. So. Callf.
60	GONSALVES, Larry	P/RH	21	. 185	6'1"	Fresno State Coll.
e 66	HILL, Garry	P/RH	19	190	6'2"	Univ. No. Carolina
70	KLAUSEN, Steve	OF	21	185	6'	UCLA
77	*BOONE, Bob	3b	19	198	6'3"	Stanford Univ.
80	*HOUSE, Tom	#P/LH	20	180	5'11"	Univ. So. Callf
88	*SEINSOTH, BIII	#lb	20	210	6'2"	Univ. So. Calif.
90	STROM, Brent	P/LH	19	184	6'3"	Mesa College S. Deigo
99	HAND, Rich	P/RH	19	185	6'1"	Univ. Puget Sound

@ Subject to possible signing, drafted in Major League draft 6/6/67
* Member 1966 team
Bats left
\$ Switch hitter

MANAGER:#22 (White uniform) H. A. "Red" Boucher, FairbanksASST. MANAGER#99 (White uniform) Lyle Olsen, San Diego State Coll.EQUIP. MANAGER#11 (White uniform) Jim Corbin, Univ. of AlaskaTRAINER#13 (White uniform) Larry Willens, San Diego StateBAT BOY#10 (White uniform) Johnny Boucher, Fairbanks

STADIUM: Growden Memorial Park (Foot of 2nd Ave. and Wilbur St.)

