

# Game of the Century

It took 100 years to the day, but the Philadelphia maritime community finally got a chance to even the score on Aug. 4 when it fielded a softball team to take on the defending champions from New York. The Pirates of the Maritime Exchange of the Delaware River and Bay (formerly the Philadelphia Maritime Exchange) took full advantage of the opportunity, routing the Lookouts of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey by a score of 13-to-2.

"We got slaughtered," admitted Ed Kelly, president of the New York-New Jersey group. "Our team would have had more hits, but we didn't play as hard when we realized there was no defibrillator at first base and no oxygen tanks at second."

Kelly's team did, however, have some young talent. John Powers, a

12-year-old Little Leaguer, played second base and was one of the Lookouts' best players, Kelly said.

Kelly got the idea for the game when he discovered a baseball in a glass case proclaiming the New York Maritime Exchange's 1-to-0 victory on Aug. 4, 1906.

He then proposed a rematch to Dennis Rochford, president of the Delaware River Exchange, who was a gracious winner. "There's no reason to gloat. Both teams played hard. It was a good game," Rochford said.

And will partisans of the two exchanges have to wait another hundred years for the next game? Not if Kelly has his way. "People in Philadelphia may have been willing to live in shame for 100 years, but we will seek a rematch next year," he said. ⚙️

—William Armbruster



Pirates batter Andrew Quinn, an attorney with Mattioni Ltd., a Philadelphia-based law firm, follows the flight of the ball.



Lookouts catcher Laura Moore hung on to the ball during a collision at home plate with Paul Rand of the Pirates, but umpire Brian Cassidy ruled he was safe. Moore, risk manager for McAllister Towing & Transportation Co., and Ed Kelly insist that Rand, owner of New Start Shipping, should have been called out. "We Wuz Robbed!!" Kelly wrote in an e-mail message. After the collision, Moore handed the ball to pitcher Steve Whelan of J.P. Morgan, who was backing up behind home plate.

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Lookouts hurler and team captain Philip Moore, a ship lookout for the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey, goes into his wind-up. Moore and other lookouts monitor vessel movements within the harbor.



Umpire Brian Cassidy, an employee of the Internal Revenue Service who previously worked for BDP, a Philadelphia-based freight forwarder, presents the game trophy to Pirates captain Paul Rand. Looking on are Dennis Rochford, president of the Maritime Exchange of the Delaware River and Bay, and Ed Kelly, president of the Maritime Association of the Port of New York and New Jersey.



Ed Kelly played catcher for the Lookouts for the first three innings before asking Laura Moore to spell him.



The Pirates' Michael Fink, director of operations for the Maritime Exchange of the Delaware River and Bay, signs the winning ball.