



There is not a cricket ball, bat, gloves, bails, stumps, umpires, pitch to be seen; but I love the following!

This is the Australian Broadcasting Commission.

We cross now to the Bosworth Field Cricket Ground for a direct description of play
in the first day of the first Test between

RICHARD THE THIRD'S YORKISTS

and the

HENRY TUDOR ELEVEN.

Your commentators are Allen McGilvray and Colin MacDonald

with special commentary from Lindsay Hassett.

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WHO'S WHO IN THE PITT GAMES

MOCKET and JEPARIT and JASPRIT and LORD ALBEREY

Jasprit Namipors is this man's actual name. He originally hails from India.

However Gibbo, Donny and Cooper struggled with the Indian name – so (in true Aussie fashion) they re-labelled him as "Jeparit Name-Your-Poison".

Jeparit is found in all four of the "Gibbo and his Mates" series, along with a big part in the spin-off "Impoverished and Poorly". In the spin-off, Jeparit falls in love with Winlagh.

Here, Jeparit plays Mocket who is an English aristocrat (Lord Alfred Alberey). Mocket gets to chat with The King. This Jeparit would never do!

So the rule is: if Jeparit is speaking in an Australian accent while knocking about with his Australian friends, then he remains as Jeparit. He can slip over to Mocket (a well-modulated English accent) whenever that is called for. Seamless swap.

ASTOR and ARDENNE and WOLVERTON

Basic ineluctable truth: this British actor is of African heritage (I'm trying to say that he is coloured in a very nice way here). He must be big, strong, and sexy with a fabulous deep male voice. Sorry! But there it is: can't sashay around the physical requirements for the Astor character.

Astor's TV character is Frank Wolverton. We don't really know if Wolverton is a cop or not. He just seems to whizz around London (helicopter) being unbelievably brave as he loves his way through London's female population.

Then (seamlessly) Astor becomes Ardenne: he is a French knight dressed in black riding a black steed. Ardenne pals-up with Henry Tudor in the fight against King Richard III.

SERGEI NEMENTOV and KING RICHARD III

Sergei is a tall, angular Russian with a long face. His superb speaking voice is laced with a rich Russian accent.

On TV Sergei hosts a show ("Nementov Presents") which touches on his brilliant career as a chess champion. However, the main thrust of the TV show is to return missing persons to their families. Sergei throws in his lot with Mocket.

When it was decided that the part of King Richard III could not be played by Astor, Sergei takes over the part (in spite of his Russian accent).

GIBBO and HENRY TUDOR

Gibbo needs no introduction so long as you have followed his stellar career in the preceding three "Gibbo" tributes and in "Impoverished and Poorly".

Of all my characters Gibbo most closely resembles the actual Queensland Truckie (prior to his popping the twig, of course). Gibbo is irascible, shoots from the hip and doesn't tolerate any bullshit. Telling his mates that he is headed for York Minster to piss in the font is entirely true to type for Gibbo (and the QT!)

Failing to gain the part of King Charles, Gibbo scores the rôle of Henry Tudor. As Henry Tudor Gibbo is wonderful: magnificent, spell-binding and very believable.

COOPER and UNCLE ROSS SCROOP (The Archbishop of York)

Like Gibbo, Cooper needs no introduction. In Australia he might be called a "dip stick".

Uncle Ross requires Cooper to flourish his British accent which he does with grace. Otherwise, Cooper is Cooper. 'Nough said.

DONNY

Donny had a very, very large part in "8.5 years". So here he does not act in any rôle. Like Cooper, Donny is necessary to keep Gibbo and Jeparit firing on all cylinders.

LOHR BUNTON (The Right Honourable)

Mocket's love interest. Lohr provides great assistance to the PITT gamers. She is beautiful, clever and very well-spoken.

THE PITT GAMERS (not including Uncle Ross and Mocket himself)

JONATHON HOLLYMACE and his sister Ruth

SIR JORDAN PEEL

VERNON GREY

KING CHARLES III and CHUCKIE MAYTHEW

Chuckie is a genuine doppelganger for King Charles. Chuckie only plays the part during the PALACE D'ACCORD scenes. He is a shy, secretive punter who lurks about (in disguise) in the Sportsman's Bar of the Fairclough Inn (a pub in London). There is no bravery about Chuckie: he is so scared that he almost vomits in Astor's helicopter.

King Charles himself is the lynchpin. The PITT Games give him his only opportunity (so he puts it) to be a strong leader.

MOCKET'S NEPHEWS and THE PRINCES IN THE TOWER (and ELIZABETH)

ALISTAIR (10) and BRENT (8) LYGON-STERLING are the sons of Mocket's half-brother.

As they stuff their faces at Maccas, they provide the key to understanding what happened to the little Princes in the Tower.

They will act as the Princes in the Tower in the scene where Henry Tudor's 21st birthday is celebrated.

ELIZABETH: we also require a 12-year-old girl to play Elizabeth, daughter of King Edward IV.

THE AUTHOR

Let's not go there. She is an old battle-axe. It is stated that she is dead but unfortunately for the human race – she lives on.

JACK & GUNNER

These two men are very entertaining. They are habitual patrons of the Fairclough Inn. Mocket receives useful information from them, then uses the pair as fake guards in the prison break-out.

THE 12 BRITISH PRISONERS WHO ARE GAOLED IN FRANCE

There are 9 men and 3 women in this group. We shall hear them speaking like toffs. We shall see them arrayed as the Dirty Dozen.

It is assumed from the start that all are innocent: that they have been gaoled simply so that the French can cock a snoot at the British.

However, they may not be innocent after all ...

AT THE PALACE D'ACCORD

The COLONEL, the ASSIGNEE and several other ministers have speaking parts.

The FLUNKY (who is announces Le Roi and later fetches the Colonel from the carpark) has a speaking part.

Two of the French soldiers (on the lawn) have speaking parts (in that Wolverton is recognized).

Otherwise the ministers do not have lines (yet they might be required to murmur).

RHYS AP THOMAS and HIS TROOPS

Why I remembered this story I can't tell.

Years and years and decades and centuries ago, I read that when Henry Tudor and his armed forces marched from Wales into England, they crossed a bridge. Now a promise had been made by a Welsh dude that Henry Tudor would enter England

only over his body.

The Welsh dude rethought that: so to make good his pledge, he stood under the bridge such that Henry Tudor (all unknowing) crossed into England over the living body of Rhys. Isn't that a great old yarn!

Further research discovered something else. We all thought (didn't we?) that it was Henry Tudor himself who struck the death blow which finished off Richard III at the Battle of Bosworth Field. But the heavy money is on Rhys having actually done the deed.

God! I love History!

MINOR PARTS

Those in the French courtroom: Judges MONT-TASSIERE, BRENCALVOS and MUIRIE. Also, ADVOCATE LANCELLE plus the man who has an urgent communication.

Sundry drinkers in the Fairclough Inn.

Lots of adoring fans who mob Gibbo and Donny at the golf course in Texaxs.

The 2 sexy women in the Wolverton ads.

The 2 French drivers of the TRM4000s.

MOCKET'S FAMILY

MOCKET'S MOTHER is FELICITY MOCKET (the Dowager LADY ALBEREY).



An 18-year-old FELICITY SCROOP married HENRY LYGON-STERLING.

She gave birth to two sons: LIONEL & PETER.

LIONEL LYGON-STERLING himself has two sons: ALISTAIR (10) & BRENT (8).

ALISTAIR is played by the same actor who plays KING EDWARD V.

BRENT is played by the same actor who plays RICHARD OF SHREWSBURY.

Although both Alistair and Brent are (in fact) much younger than would have been their royal counterparts, boys in 2024 are much bigger and sturdier than would have been the case in 1483.



The widowed FELICITY LYGON-STERLING married FRANCIS MOCKET (LORD FRANCIS ALBEREY) and their son is MOCKET.

Upon his father's death, MOCKET succeeded to the title.



FELICITY SCROOP has a younger brother who became ARCHBISHOP OF YORK.

He is MOCKET'S UNCLE ROSS SCROOP (known to us as "Ross").



We do not meet FELICITY, LIONEL or PETER.

We do however meet ALISTAIR & BRENT: they are in fact central to the story.

SUNDRIES

Operation Tearapart (in France)

The WOLVERTON Helicopter: Astor (pilot), Chuckie, Jack and Cooper.

TRM4000 #1: French driver, Gibbo & Donny with 6 prisoners.

TRM4000 #2: French driver, Sergei & Gunner with 6 prisoners.

Operation Tearapart (returning to Britain)

The WOLVERTON Helicopter: Astor (pilot), Mocket, Chuckie, Jack and Cooper.

TRM4000 #1: Gibbo drives, Donny with 6 prisoners

TRM4000 #2: Gunner drives, Sergei with 6 prisoners

The chopper flight from York to Paris takes around 1.5 hours.

The road trip from Paris to Calais should take a little over 3 hours but our drivers accelerate to excessive speeds.

LeShuttle departs every 3 minutes 24/7.

WHAT IS WHAT IN "THE PITT GAMES"

King Charles is ticked-off with Alfred Mocket (Lord Albercy) following Mocket's efforts (innocent though they are) to upset the French. He thrusts Mocket into a test of fortitude which His Majesty calls "The PITT Games". "PITT" stands for Princes in the Tower. Mocket's brief is to solve the century-old mystery such that a line may be ruled beneath it – but this must occur without ever involving the French.

Mocket interviews many people, always coming up with a completely different version of what happened to the boy King and his younger brother. In the conclusion, Mocket and his lady Lohr Bunton arrive at a pleasing resolution whereby no blame rests on King Richard III, on King Henry VII nor on any French person.

The line is ruled.

Another issue which is touched on by King Charles is that there is currently a brouhaha with the French. Amongst the Author's keepsakes was found an official document from the 1480's whereby England and Wales are indeed the property of France. Mocket is determined to rescue 12 British prisoners (our own "Dirty Dozen") from French gaols. This involves borrowing a helicopter from UK:TV, roping-in a King Charles doppelganger and dressing up his drinking friends as the King's guards. They have some fun invading the Palace d'Accord in order to meet the French President. They have even more fun during the high speed chase ("Operation Tearapart") from Paris to Calais prior to boarding LeShuttle.

Gibbo and Donny are cheesed-off as they believe (quite rightly!) that the necessary research required to be undertaken by Mocket (such that he may solve the PITT

riddle) is summarily bypassed. And the Author dies yet still manages to plough on with the story.

But most concerning is the tale told by the nephews whilst they gorge themselves at Maccas. How can two dear little lads have come into contact with the prostitute Corker? She is the only person still alive to know the facts.

PAGE	ACTIVITY
3	ACT I Mocket about to be sentenced to death in French law court.
5	Mocket is summoned to Buckingham Palace: King Charles.
11-14	The Fairclough Inn where Jack & Gunner discuss the colour parade that never happened.
15-17	Mocket questions Lohr.
18-21	THE PITT GAMERS: ARCHBISHOP OF YORK. Cooper as Arch of York. Mocket visits his Uncle Ross Scroop.
22-26	THE PITT GAMERS: ALISTAIR AND BRENT. Mocket treats his nephews at Maccas. END ACT I
27-29	ACT II The golf course in Texas.
30-34	Gibbo & Donny on the River Foss catch up with Cooper (as the Arch of York) which leads to a fight.

34-39	Mocket and Lohr holiday in Noumea where Mocket obtains zero information about the French brouhaha.
40-42	ADVERTISEMENT FOR FRANK WOLVERTON & LEAVING NOUMEA
43-45	THE PITT GAMERS: JONATHON HOLLYMACE TAKE #1
46-47	The re-enactment crashes to a halt when Donny steps in.
47-48	Donny is very low just as Mocket starts to work things out. Includes a tribute to "The DIRTY DOZEN".
49-53	Mocket has some serious thinking to do.
54-55	ADVERTISEMENT FOR NEMENTOV PRESENTS
56	THE PITT GAMERS: JONATHON HOLLYMACE TAKE #2
57-59	The Author argues with Donny as we segue into a "Daughter of Time" discussion. There is a 21 st birthday party for Henry Tudor.
60	The Fairclough Pub #2 Gunner & the Biblioclasm. The "Daughter of Time" discussion rages.
61-64	THE PITT GAMERS: SIR JORDAN PEEL fishing.
65-73	Early morning in the York hotel & ARDENNE rocks up. Gives Gibbo a KO punch. Mocket devises a plan: Operation Tearapart.
74-76	The plan to rescue the prisoners in France takes shape as characters are enlisted. The Fairclough Inn (the Sportsman's Bar) where Mocket meet Chuckie Maythew but is accosted by Sergei Nementov.
77	THE RESCUE OF 12 PRISONERS – OPERATION TEARAPART

	Getting access to the French President	
	78	Mocket directs operations from a roof after having left the helicopter. Astor delivers the other 7 men to The Palace d'Accord.
	79-80	The French military try to force the English invaders to leave. With "God Save The King" ringing out, the fake King and his 6 fake aides head towards the Palace, leaving Astor to mind the craft.
	80	One of the French soldiers recognizes Astor as Wolverton.
	81	King Charles gatecrashes the meeting of the senior French ministers. And is led off with his minders to meet the President.
	82	An important document relates the King's first issue: that he be given more time.
	83	The second point relates to the release of the 12 British prisoners.
84	THE RESCUE OF 12 PRISONERS – OPERATION TEARAPART From Paris to Calais	
	84	Mocket has been dropped off at Paris airport such that he can go to his lookout vantage point. He has a perfect view of the French prisons.
	85	Mocket watches the prisoners as they are loaded onto the TRM4000s. He is worried that they are dawdling.
	86	The female prisoners are really slow. Finally they are

		loaded aboard, much to Mocket's relief. END OF ACT III
87	THE RESCUE OF 12 PRISONERS – OPERATION TEARAPART From Paris to Calais (continued) ACT IV	
	87	The French ministers are advised of the scam.
	88	The Colonel is told of the monstrosity in the carpark. Thus the car chase will begin.
	89	Astor picks up Mocket. He is advised that they have been sprung. Astor advised Gibbo and Gunner to get rid of their French drivers then take off with speed.
	90	Jack & Gunner reminisce later (but we see it now). Without dialogue, Gibbo uses brute strength to take over the job of driving TRM4000 #1.
	91	Gunner gives an account of his trickery against the French driver. The car chase ploughs on as 4 French Army vehicles join in.
	92 & 93	Things look bad for TRM4000 #2 (further back than Gibbo's TRM4000). Sergei gets an idea. He organizes a rifle and Molotov cocktails. Lohr is mooted to visit the King to smooth things over.
95 & fol	THE PITT GAMERS: VERNON GREY	
99	Re-enactment: Rhys ap Thomas under the Mullock Bridge.	

101-103	Gibbo rocks up as Henry Tudor such that he and Ardenne can throw themselves into the Battle of Bosworth Field.
103	Battles, battles, battles ...
103-105	The unholy bargain: Henry Tudor and Ardenne.
106-109	The Author gives compelling reasons to close down the PITT games. Mocket goes to bed where he tosses and turns as various important flashbacks disturb his sleep. Mocket (on waking) resolves to follow-up with the Corker information.
110-112	We revisit the action-man ad for "Wolverton" featuring Astor. He is headed for the shower when Mocket phones Astor to ask if Astor had any luck interviewing Corker.
113 -114	Mocket receives the phone photo of the tell-tale coin from Astor. Mocket receives the email from Astor. It paraphrases Corker's explanation of the existence of the Henry Tudor coin. Lohr and Mocket discuss their next actions, which will be revealed during Mocket's audience with King Charles.
115-117	Denouement. King Charles & Lohr & the prisoner line-up. END OF MOVIE
118	Postscript involving Sergei, Jack, Gunner, Chuckie and Mocket. They rubbish Mocket jokingly that his nephews must have met the tart Corker in York.
119	Readable transcript of the email to Mocket from Astor.

Heaps of thanks to MGM for making life better, in that that mighty company released "The Dirty Dozen" in 1967. I hope that my homage to this unforgettable film will help to ensure that it is never forgotten ...



Have borrowed the timescale from Wiki "1483".

(This is absolutely the neatest way to learn History – or at least to put it into a reasonable framework. Type in some year or other in Wiki and there it all is. Everything that happened in that year plus those born and those who died. As the man said: "Do yourself a favour!")

1483 April 9 – Edward V becomes King of England.
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1483 April – King Edward V of England and his younger brother Richard, Duke of York reside in the Tower of London. Later this year, rumours of their murders start circulating. By December the rumours have reached France. This is the beginning of the mystery concerning the fates of the two Princes in the Tower.

1483 June 25 – Before his coronation, King Edward V of England is deposed by his uncle, Richard, Duke of Gloucester, who becomes King as Richard III of England.
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1483 July 6 – Richard III and Anne Neville are crowned king and Queen of England, as Westminster Abbey.

1483 September 3 – The Princes in the Tower (uncrowned 12-year-old Edward V of England and his 10-year-old brother, Richard Duke of York) are perhaps murdered this night in the Tower of London.

1483 October – A rebellion by the Duke of Buckingham is crushed by Richard III of England.
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