

NATIONAL



BASEBALL

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SEASON 1937

FINAL TIE

of the

N.B.A. Challenge Cup

HULL

versus

ROMFORD WASPS

to be played

AT CRAVEN PARK, HULL

SATURDAY, 14th AUGUST, 1937

PITCH OFF 3 P.M.

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NATIONAL BASEBALL ASSOCIATION CHALLENGE CUP

by JOHN MOORES, ESQ.

President and Founder of the National Baseball Association

This programme commemorates the fourth Final for the National Baseball Association Challenge Cup and when I received the wire from the Editor asking me if I could give them a brief history of the Cup and how it came to England, it brought back memories of the tremendous strides the N.B.A. have made during the past four years.

Imagine the progress! Only three years ago a Liverpool Amateur Club's name was inscribed on the cup as winners, out of 18 entries, last year the final was fought out between two of the leading London Clubs, out of an entry of 53. This year the battle is between the North of England and the leading London team, showing that the power of the game has shifted uniformly throughout the Country. However, to go back to your Editor's request, the history of the Cup.

The National Cup was actually presented to us by the National Baseball League of America, the leading body in that country, by Mr. Heidler, the President, who has since retired, although he is still doing good work for Baseball in America.

When I reached New York in 1933, I had no idea of returning to England to promote American Baseball in this country. A chance meeting with Mr. Heidler in a New York Hotel led to a discussion on Baseball. He had come to New York to see one of the big games which was being played on the following day and he asked me if I was interested in Baseball. I replied that I had never seen the game of American Baseball played and was persuaded by him to attend the game on the next day. This I did and there is no doubt that the game gripped me. I had seen the so-called game of Baseball, as played in England at that time, and considered that there was no comparison between the two games.

We returned to the hotel after the game and Mr. Heidler asked me what I thought about it, and when I spoke of my enthusiasm, said he could not understand why it was not played in England. I jokingly remarked that on my return I would put Baseball on the Map in this country. He said, so many Englishmen had told him this that he did not consider there was a man with brains and initiative enough in England even to attempt to put it over. This, I admit, rather led to an argument and in the end I assured him that I was determined, on my

ROMFORD WASPS

(Black & Amber)

RUNS BY INNINGS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL

BATTING ORDER

No.	NAME	Position
10	POISON ASBELL	SHORT STOP
2	GIB HUTCHINSON	2nd BASE
3	SLUGGER CRANSTOUN	PITCHER
13	TALLIE ELLIS	CATCHER
4	SWIFTY PETERSON	1st BASE
11	JIMMY FOSTER	LEFT FIELD
7	ART CHILDS	CENTRE FIELD
14	CARSON THOMPSON	RIGHT FIELD
5	JIMMY CHEPPEL	3rd BASE

Reserves:

- 8 MELLIE POTTER
- 6 BILL BRAND

COMMENTATOR: S. FRANCE

Substitutions

- 1 Base Hit made by No.
- 2 Base Hit made by No.
- 3 Base Hit made by No.
- Home Hit made by No.

HULL

(Red, White & Blue)

RUNS BY INNINGS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL

BATTING ORDER

No.	NAME	Position
1	CHET ADAMS	2nd BASE
2	ELLIS LYDIATT	1st BASE
3	DON ADAMS	CATCHER
4	"LEFTY" WILSON	PITCHER
5	W. TEALL	LEFT FIELD
6	J. ALLSTOP	3rd BASE
7	C. HAILES	SHORT STOP
8	F. MILLER	CENTRE FIELD
9	D. KILHAM	RIGHT FIELD

Reserves:

- MCNEIL
- CLARK
- HOLMES

CHIEF UMPIRE: J. BYRNE (LONDON)

BASE UMPIRE: F. BACON (YORKS.)

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