Baseball in Europe

Baseball in Europe is governed by the Federation Europeene de Baseball which was formed in 1953. Progress in the game has been swift, with clubs getting full sponsorship from businesses and playing in proper baseball stadiums before large crowds. Member Nations are:— Belgium, France, Germany, Holland, Italy, Spain, Sweden and Great Britain.

The F.E.B. organises the European championships bi-annually for the National teams and the European Cup for the Champion club sides from each nation.

Our visitors today are the strongest country in Europe, both for the number of players and the quality of the play. Holland have in fact been unbeaten European Champions since they first entered in 1956.

Baseball in Britain Today

The National governing body is the British Baseball Association. There are four main affiliated bodies. The B.B.A. would like to hear from any clubs or individuals who wish to take up the game. The addresses of the Secretary and its affiliates are as follows: **B.B.A.,** Mr. P. S. Ash, 78 Connaught Road, Barnet, Herts. HADley Grn 2512; **Merseyside League,** Mr. P. Hemmings, 62 Heathfield Road, Liverpool; **National Baseball League,** Mr. D. Smallwood, 88 Westerdale Grove, Hull, Yorks; **Southern Baseball Association,** Mr. D. Campbell, 7 Manor Close South, Aveley, Essex; **Yorkshire Baseball Association,** Mr. H. McAvan, 7 Brendon Avenue, Hull, Yorkshire.

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INTERNATIONAL BASEBALL

GREAT BRITAIN

Vs.

THE NEDERLANDS

Practice 2 p.m.

PITCH OFF 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, 8th AUGUST, 1965

ADMISSION BY PROGRAMME ONLY
PRICE:- ADULTS 2/6
CHILDREN 1/6

CRYSTAL PALACE F.C. GROUND
Selhurst Park, LONDON S.E.

SCORE SHEET

NEDERLANDS

PLAYERS	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	H	R
23	2ND	S.O.				P.O.						2	
7	S.S.	C.O.		S.O.			C.O.		S.O.			0	
16	C.F.	P.O.		S.O.			C.O.		P.O.			1	
1	R.F.		S.O.		R.O.		P.O.			P.O.		0	
22 3	L.F.		S.O.		S.O.			S.O.				01	
20	C.				R.O.			S.O.		C.O.		1	
21	1ST		R.O.			C.O.		C.O.				1	
11	3RD			S.O.		C.O.			S.O.	CO		0	
6	P.			W					W			2	
RUNS		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1			
ERRORS													

GREAT BRITAIN

PLAYERS	Pos	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	H	R
18 5	2ND S.S.	R.O.		C.O.			P.O.		P.O.			0	0
19	C.F.	R.O.		R.O.			C.O.		C.O.			0	0
21	R.F.	C.O.							P.O.			2	0
11	1ST				R.O.		S.O.					1	1
12 13	S.S. 2ND		T.O.		C.O.			S.O.		C.O.		1	0 0 0
6 16	L.F.				S.O.			C.O.		P.O.		1	0 0 0
7 3	3RD		C.O.			P.O.				P.O.		0	0 0 0
9 8	C.		S.O.			P.O.		P.O.				0	0 0 0
1	P.			S.O.		S.O.						1	0
RUNS		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		6	1
ERRORS													

When a batter moves to 1st Base, draw a line from the centre of the bottom line of hi corresponding box, to the centre of the right hand line. If he continues to second base, continue the line to centre of top line of box, i.e. ◇. As the player progresses contin the line around until a complete diamond is made, showing the runner has scored a run. If a player is out the following symbols can be used to show how out and written in th box. S.O. Strike-out, C.O. Caught Out, P.O. Put Out (if tagged by player on bag). A X in the centre of the diamond denotes a Home Run. A box must only be filled which correspond with the innings that the player bats in. Each innings runs are totalled at the bottom, and error is registered if a fielder mis-fields an easy ball which could possibly have go the runner out.

FOLLOW THE PLAY

A game normally consists of nine innings for each team, but can be terminated by mutual consent after five innings. An innings terminates when three men of the batting side are out.

When the pitcher is delivering the ball to the bat he must keep one foot in contact with the Pitcher's Plate. Pitching distance is 60ft. 6ins.

The Batsman is allowed four **Balls** or three **Strikes.**

A **Ball** is called when the pitched ball passes below the knee or above the shoulder or wide of the home plate, and is not swung at by the batter.

A **Strike** is called when the batter swings at the ball or it passes across the home plate below the shoulder or above the knee. If the batter hits the **third** strike foul, it does not count against him, and he is still on "strike two." The home plate is 17ins. wide.

If pitcher sends down four **Balls** before three **Strikes,** batsman is allowed first base.

Batsman becomes a baserunner when a **Fair Hit** is made or when he is allowed first base on balls. He **must** run when the ball lands fair.

A **Fair Hit** is one which settles or flies over fair ground, that is inside the foul lines.

A baserunner is out at first base if the ball is held on base before he reaches it. At second and third bases and home plate, baserunner must be touched by ball which is held by fielder before he reaches the base— except when play is **Forced,** that is when baserunners are compelled to advance through batsman making a fair hit and becoming a runner; all that is then necessary is for a fielder to hold the ball and touch the base.

Two baserunners cannot occupy the same base at the same time.

The ball is dead and not in play if it goes foul, that is, outside the foul lines; however, if it is caught, batsman is then declared out.

A **Run** is scored only when each individual batsman has made a complete circuit of the diamond, touching each base in regular order **before three men are out.**

A catch retires only the batter — not the whole side. A runner can advance from a base **after** a catch is made, but if he is off base before the catch is made he must return to that base before advancing.

Baseball — The Game

A few facts and figures about the game may help to explain the high degree of skill required in baseball.

The Pitcher throws the ball a distance of 60ft. 6ins. so that it will pass through the "strike zone," which is 17ins. wide, the width of the plate and between the Batter's knees and shoulders. The pitcher must, with speed and, or making the ball curve in the air, beat the batter. At the time of delivering the ball he must keep one foot in contact with the pitching plate.

The batter also has his problems. The throw takes about ½ sec., and is in reach of the bat for less than 1/50th of a sec. Upon hitting the ball the batter must run to first base, a distance of 90ft. in 5 secs., which is all the time it takes a fielder to pick up the ball and throw it to 1st Base.

The ball must be thrown accurately to 1st Base so that the 1st Baseman can catch the ball while keeping one foot on the base.

When a base runner decides to "steal," it takes him about 4 secs., and he runs with the throw, in this case the catcher has to catch the ball and throw it to 2nd Base so accurately that the batsman receives the ball low down over the bag to "tag" the runner.

All players must be razor keen and thinking ahead all the time.

Baseball in Britain

Today is a red letter day for British Baseball. With this game at Selhurst Park, Great Britain plays the first full International match ever staged in England. It may surprise many people to learn that baseball has been played in Britain since 1906 when the British Baseball League was formed and included a number of Soccer clubs, (Tottenham, Woolwich Arsenal, Fulham, Clapton and Brentford). In those days the soccer season was much shorter and clubs took part to keep their players fit and their grounds in use during the summer months. It was a profitable venture for them.

Very few records exist of this early league, but in the first season Tottenham and Arsenal tied for first place. Since that date baseball has been played with fluctuating fortunes.

The next upsurge of public interest was during the early 1920's, when a number of matches were played at Stamford Bridge. The heyday of British Baseball really began in 1933 when the National Baseball Association was formed by Mr. John Moores, the present chairman of Everton F.C. The game was played semi-professionally by clubs at Greyhound Stadiums including, Hackney, Harringay, White City, Catford and West Ham, the game made steady progress until the outbreak of war. Baseball was hit very hard at this time as the clubs and leagues had not grown strong enough roots to survive 5 years of hostilities.

However, a handful of clubs did re-form after the war, and the game is once again firmly established in a number of centres, and is making good progress. Although not as spectacular as in the 1930's, crowds of between 200-1,500 are not uncommon today.

GREAT BRITAIN

Colours:- Maroon Uniforms, White Undershirts, Blue Caps and Socks.

13	J. BARRASS.	(Garrington, Broomsgrove).
17	J. CAMPBELL.	(Thames Board Mills, Purfleet).
5	A. DONELL.	(U. S. Navy, London).
7	G. PAINE.	(U. S. Navy, London).
11	J. GORDON.	(U. S. Navy, London).
19	R. HAMMOND.	(Hull Aces, Hull).
9.	F. PARKER.	(Hull Aces, Hull).
16	J. MAHONEY.	(Middlesex Athletics, Enfield).
18	D. BLAKELEY.	(Middlesex Athletics, Enfield).
6	D. TINTON.	(Thames Board Mills, Purfleet).
21	J. COLLINS.	(Stretford Saints, Manchester).
1	W. O'NEILL.	(Stretford Saints, Manchester).
	S. WYNDROSS.	(Stretford Saints, Manchester).
3	H. KING.	(Tigers, Liverpool).
8	J. THOMAS.	(Tigers, Liverpool).
	A. STARK.	(Bluejays, Beckenham).

TEAM MANAGER.

A. ABBOTT.

TEAM COACHES.

N. EDGAR.
T. WARNER.

BRITISH BASEBALL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr D. C. AKERS.	Chairman
Mr P. S. ASH.	Secretary
Mr K. CLAPPISON.	Treasurer

THE NEDERLANDS

Colours:- Grey Uniforms, Orange Undershirts, Orange Caps with Black peaks,

20	Hans AUGUSTINUS.	(Sparta, Rotterdam).
	Ferry BEHRINGEN.	(Schoten, Haarlem).
6	Rudi DOM.	(Sparta, Rotterdam).
	Martin GAUS.	(V.V.G.A. Amsterdam).
1	Fokke JELSMA.	(Storks, 's Gravenhage).
13	Matty MOHLMAN.	(H.C.K. Haarlem).
7	Anton POLS.	(Schoten, Haarlem).
	Gerard SALEMINK.	(A.D.O. 's Gravenhage).
11	Hans SLAAP.	(A.B.C. Amsterdam).
23	Martin STROKER.	(O.V.V.O. Amsterdam).
	Ton TERNEUZEN.	(Haarlem Nichols, Haarlem).
21	Jan van EWIJK.	(U.V.V. Utrecht).
22	Peter van 't KLOOSTER	(H.V.A. Amsterdam).
	Hans van LIESHOUT.	(Schoten, Haarlem).
16	Wim van der STER.	(U.V.V. Utrecht).

TEAM MANAGER

Charles URBANUS.

NEDERLANDS BASEBALL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr Joop NUSSE	Technical Committee

UMPIRES

PLATE:	R. PLANT.	U.S. AIRFORCE.	(Ruislip)
BASES:	F. ADEY.	SUTTON.	
	R. KING.	ESSEX.	
	C. GLEN.	LIVERPOOL.	

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OFFICIAL SCORER

Mr B. HOLLAND.

ANNOUNCER

Mr T. SMITH

BAT BOYS

N. BORLEY (Gt Britain) T TIDSWELL (Nederlands)

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The Nederlands Consul General in London

Jonkeer H.A. TEIXEIRA DE MATTOS

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PRESENTATION

1.00	Batting Practice, Great Britain
1.40	Batting Practice, The Nederlands
2.20	Infield Practice, Great Britain
2.30	Infield Practice, The Nederlands
2.40	Umpires take the field
2.45	Presentation of the teams and officials to the Special Guests
3.00	Pitch Off
5.30	Presentation of Trophies

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