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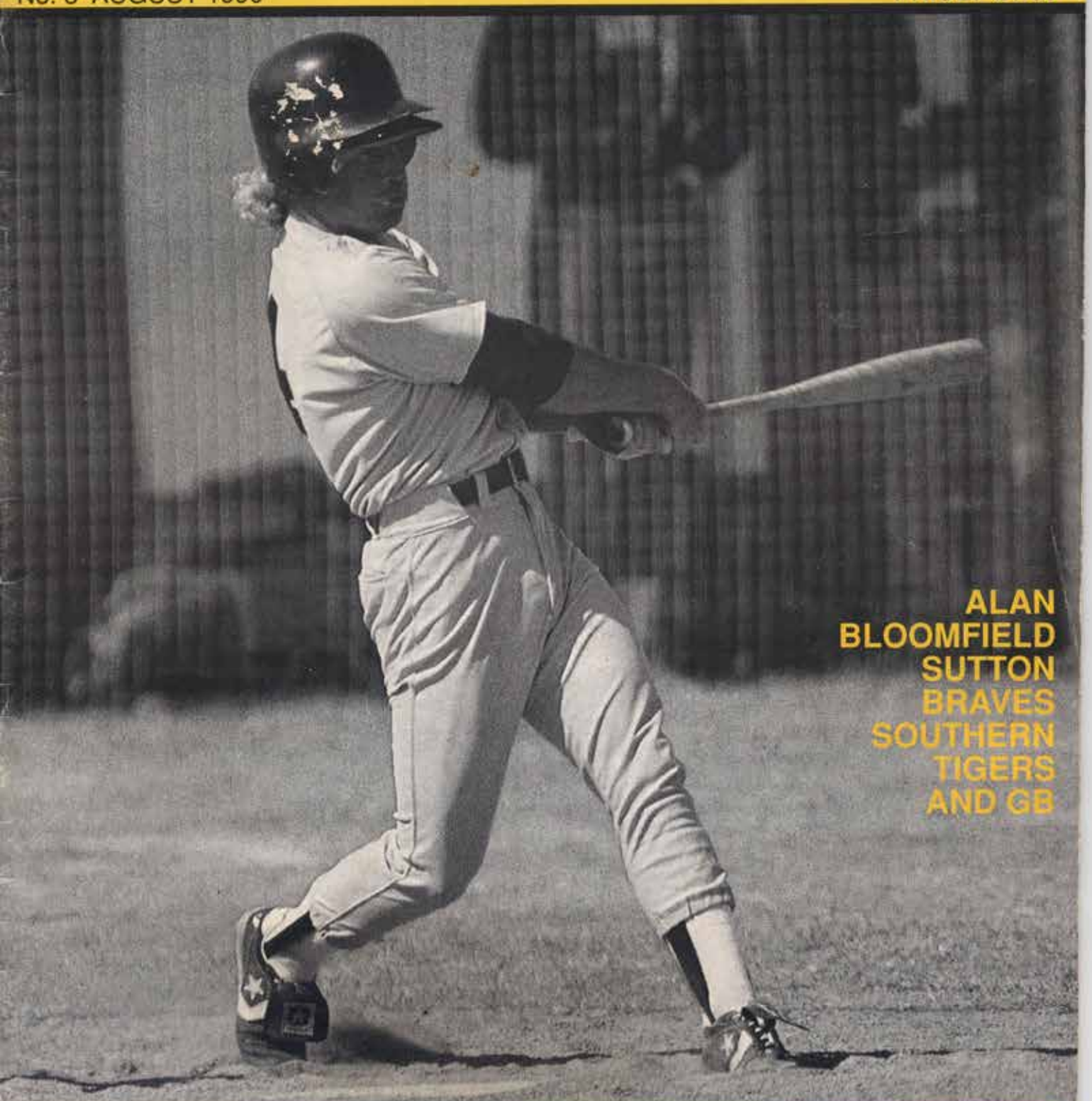

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GB TO ATTEND YOUTH ALL-STAR GAME IN LOS ANGELES

More than 200 children from all over the world will participate in the inaugural World Children's Baseball Fair this summer in Los Angeles.

The IBA is working with a group headed by former Japanese home run king Sadaharu Oh to put on the fair, which is scheduled for July 30 - August 5 on the UCLA campus. Former Major League stars Hank Aaron and Tommy John also are involved in the fair.

The event will attract boys and girls from the United States, Japan, Nigeria, the Philipines, the Netherlands, Mexico, Canada, Italy, the UK and many other countries for a week of baseball clinics, games, sightseeing and other activities.

Bob Locke, Youth Officer for the BBF South is taking players from the Windsor Bears, Hull and Nottingham .

TWO GAME BAN FOR MURPHY

Rob Murphy, outfielder with the Enfield Spartans received a two game ban and a period of indefinite probation from the BBF South Executive Board. This follows an incident during the Enfield v Reading game of May 27th when Murphy began a fight with Reading third baseman Tom Dinkle and was ejected from the game.

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1 GAME FORFEIT FOR READING PLUS FINE

The Reading Royals have been made to forfeit a win and also received a fine from the BBF South Executive Board. Reading failed to register with the BBF until the season was well underway.

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WEIGHT TRAINING - WHO NEEDS IT?

A popular opinion is that weight training is for muscle heads and people who just want to look like Arnold Schwarzenegger but this is not altogether true. Reports show that muscular exercise can induce speed, mobility, flexibility and general good health. So if you want to be the fastest pitcher or the greatest hitter, or if you just want to play better on a Sunday, then regular workouts can help you reach your goal.

Next issue Baseball UK takes a serious look at the different types of exercise you can do. Don't miss it.

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WARRIORS AND TIGERS IN FRANCE

A mixed squad of players from the Southern Tigers and London Warriors headed by Brad Thompson and Alan Smith recently visited Bressuire in France for a two game tour.

On Saturday 28th July they played a 2nd Division All-Star team and won easily 20-5. Sunday saw them play LaRochelles, a french ist Division B club. Warriors ran out 5-2 victors with winning pitcher Steve Keeping having a shutout going into the top of the ninth. Warriors took the lead 1-0 in the third on an error and the score stayed that way until the eighth when they scored 4 runs. There were only five hits in the game.

Greeted by the local Mayor and housed by Bressuire locals, the trip was a great success. French organiser Jean-Marie Dennis suffered a shattered rear car window when Alan Bloomfield popped up but failed to let this affect his sense of humour. A return visit to these shores is slated for 1991.

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MORE SATELLITE BASEBALL

Screensport, the Satellite channel that shows 2 Major League games a week will also be covering the World Amateur Baseball Championships held in August in Edmonton, Canada. Defending champions Cuba take on Japan, South Korea, Nicaragua, Italy and Panama in Pool A. Pool B contains the United States, Chinese Taipei, Canada, Puerto Rico, Venezuela and the Netherlands.

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LIGHTS - ACTION FOR LONDON SLUGGERS ALL STAR TEAM

27th August 8pm at Clapton Football Club, Upton Lane, London E7 is the time and venue of the latest game for the London Sluggers All-Star Baseball Team.

Run by Glenn Murphy, actor in "London's Burning" and ex- professional world class boxer, the All-Stars are a collection of actors and baseball ringers (notably Keith Wilesmith of the Southern Tigers) who are putting on baseball games for Charity. On 20th May this year they played the TASIS school and managed to get 36 million viewers to see the game via ITV's Telethon.

The Sluggers include, **Glenn Murphy, Ray Winstone**, West Ham and Scotland footballer **Frank McAvennie**, **Nick Berry**, **Phil Daniels** and **Trevor Ettiene**. Many more stars will be present at the game which will be played under floodlights.

All proceeds from the game go to The Noonan Syndrome Society. Admission is £1.

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HAARLEM-HONKBALL HEAVEN!

We don't know whether this a news item or what . . . more of a rave actually.

For those of you in the know, Holland has a very advanced baseball programme and some very advanced ballplayers. Every two years the Haarlem Honkbalweek takes place. Holland, Pac Ten, Taiwan, Sullivans and the Cuban 2nd team were invited this year.

Highlights of the tournament . . . ?

Cuban 3rd baseman Rafael Acebey was incredible - made you wonder just how good Omar Linares is (the 1st team 3rd baseman). Dutch shortstop Robert Niggebrugger was electrifying and the Sullivan right fielder had a Howitzer for an arm.

Sitting amongst 16,000 people in a purpose built baseball stadium, watching Holland beat Sullivans 9-4 was one of the highlights of the tournament. The radar gun showed fastball speeds of 84-88 mph, change up speeds between 68-74 mph.

How long before Great Britain is at this level? A few years we suspect. Watching the games was an inspiration. Every player had a gun for an arm, catchers effortlessly flipped the ball over to second base and all players knew how to swing the bat.

For those of you who have never seen ball played at this level, we urge you to check out Holland. European baseball events for 1991 which will be of interest are the Rotterdam World Port Tournament in July and theEuropean Championships (with GB) in Italy. Stay tuned for more info!

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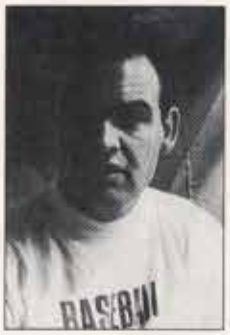

Hard Times In The Land Of Plenty

British Baseball is in dissarray this year. Don Smallwood was officially voted off the Board of the BBF and out of his position as Chief Administrator at a special meeting on 7th July in Birmingham. Allan Foster, the BBF's temporary acting President also stated at this meeting that he was not interested in the post in the long-term. News has also reached us that more enquiries are likely to take place into the activities of certain BBF Board members before the year is out.

Whatever your view of the situation, the good thing to note is that the truth is being exposed. A collapse of this sort usually precedes growth and may well create opportunities for new blood to enter the administration and provide the vigorous leadership that is needed at this time. The AGM of the BBF will be held sometime in November. If you want to make a difference to the sport then I urge you to attend and make your contribution.

On a lighter note, this issue we have a mass of results for you from around the country, plus the first part of our beginners series. We focus on that most vital piece of equipment . . . the glove. Dick Lane takes you through the why's and wherefore's of choosing and using a ballplayer's best friend.

Plus . . . Harvey Sahker focuses on long time Crawley and GB player Rick Soan . . . the Baseball UK Scouts air their clever-dick opinions . . . Mike Harrold reveals thoughts on the structure of the game and the Letters page shows that when it comes to dirt infields, we were wrong - you were right.

As the season moves towards the major finals, don't forget you can keep up to date with all the results and news by calling the BASEBALL UK Hotline on 0898 121738.

See you next issue.

An Open Letter From Steve Herbert - Hon. Treasurer And Board Member Of The BBF

Having spent the most part of the last two and a half months searching through invoices, statements and correspondence, getting the season of to a 'crawling' start, pestering the BBF accountant and fellow members - am I satisfied? You bet I'm not! Having written two cheques out of this years funds for long overdue debts unpaid by the previous administration, one incidentally from 1988 (this to get the European ban lifted - yes the rumours were true), myself and the rest of the board are still accused of not being in control and pussy-footing around.

Don Smallwood - the mess HE got himself in, no-one else, was a direct result of the 'one man show' and the carrying of 'dead wood' or the silent majority that has stiffled baseball in our country for too long. Creating the administrative chaos that the rest of us, in particular the new board members, have now been left to clean up.

How could I foresee that myself, whose very first board meeting was only in January this year, would suddenly be left with the rug very quickly pulled out from below and the whole sky would fall in.

Was there overpayment of salary? Well I now have the long awaited documented evidence from our accountant and yes, there certainly was. How could this all happen? Take one Treasurer, get that person to sign blank cheques and give them to the only paid official. Let the paid official, the Chief Administartor, have counter-signing authority and "Hello Uncle Bob".

Was overpayment deliberate? This is tricky and not all will be convinced one way or another. We are not talking about an isolated incident but many times over the years. The amounts paid seem to be correct, however the frequency tells a different story. Three payments in a week, two on the same day, gradually drawing more and more in advance. At best I would suggest that if this were an innocent mistake, the administrative backlog and financial muddle we are in is a result of incompetence and negligence by that administration and by the person who had control of it all.

Where does this leave us financially? Money that should be in our Federation account is short and all the outstanding monies to pay will have to be from this years income. It saddens me that most of this money is now destined to make up the shortfall of two years debts.

This year, our centennary year, will not be an easy one unless we receive some sponsorship and treat that sponsor in a professional and business-like manner.

The North vs South syndrome does exist and I'm sick of it. All this "us and them" rubbish is so stupid. Actions and results are needed not "who and where do they live" discussions. The governing body should be where it is best suited to be.

Where are all the doers that are supposed to exist? I hear lots of criticism but I don't see many raised hands offering assistance. Too few can only do too little, so let's have some contributions because we need some help! Let's have some progress now!

Steve Herbert - Hon. Treasurer of the BBF.

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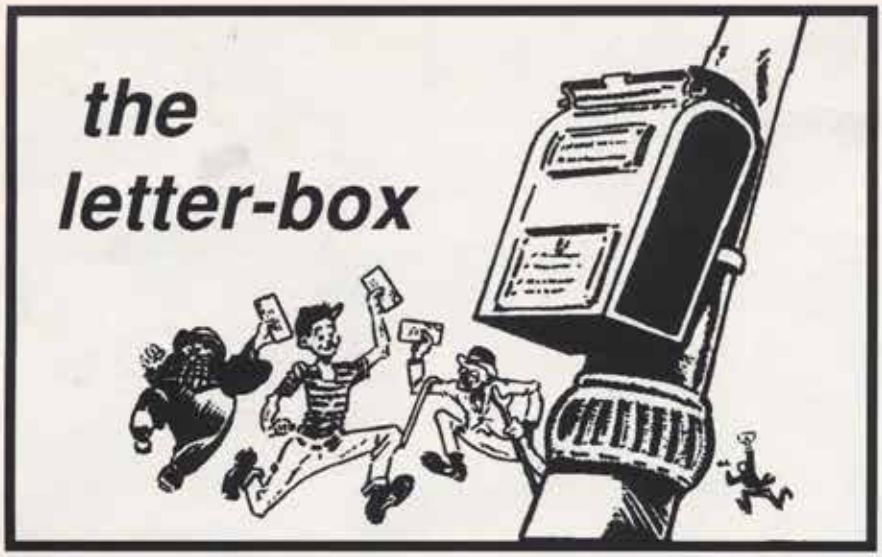

Idealistic enterprise

I was happily surprised to receive your first "BASEBALL UK"!

Congratulations with this new initiative which will be welcomed all over the UK and Europe. Your list of contributors is most impressive.

The aim of your enterprise is really idealistic and I hope that you will be able to see the results in the very near future.

Looking forward to the next "BASEBALL UK" and wishing you much success in your endeavour, I remain sincerely yours

Roger Panaye
Secretary General - C.E.B.A..

No Mets - No Fags

At last, a real magazine with news, results, information and all without a mention of the New York Mets! But the photo of Keith Wilesmith on page 18? If we aim to have British baseball accepted as a serious sport should we be showing pictures of one of the country's bestplayers smoking on the diamond? Sure, many athletes smoke, but on the field? This is not a groan from an anti-smoker but from a club player keen to have our sport purvey an image of fitness and dedication. A photo of Keith's swing or his pitching during the game would better our cause.

Keven Baines
Barnes Baseball Club

We stand corrected

First, let me congratulate you on the launch of what I am sure will prove to be a worthy addition to everyones reading material.

However, I feel that I must point out that there is an error in the first issue of BASEBALL UK in the 'Around First' column by 'the Slapper', and it concerns us. It was stated that although we finished in front of Arun Panthers we were denied promotion because we are outside the boundaries of the BBF(S). In fact, not only did we finish above Arun, but we also finished above Waltham Abbey; we are in fact the reigning Division 2 Champions with the trophy in our managers possession to prove it.

We were denied our rightful and hard earned reward of a place in Division 1 because we had competed out of conference in the Club Championships. It was a technicality we were not aware of at the time and for this years campaign our priority will be to repeat last years performances and achieve promotion to the top flight.

Thom Sims
Cambridge Monarchs

Baseball 24 hours a day

Congratulations on an excellent first issue. As I live with Youth and Senior baseball 24 hours a day I did not think I would enjoy reading about it. However, I found Baseball UK interesting, informative and enjoyable, especially News Roundup.

Pam Locke
Hoddesdon Sharks

Diamonds in the rough

In one of your recent issues, it was quoted that there are no decent baseball diamonds in this area. Whoever wrote that was talking through his hard batting helmet. He should visit Hull where he could find three cut out diamonds, also the first baseball Centre of Excellence which has a beautiful setting at the Eastmount Community Centre and boasts the best set up in the country and is the home of the Hull Mets.

Some people are very quick to knock things without having the relevant facts. Perhaps a trip up the M62 might help your writer see what a real diamond looks like.

D Megson
Secretary - Hull Mets

And Yet Again . . .

In reply to the first edition of your mag, I am sending a picture of Hull Royals Baseball Diamond. You made a statement that not one UK team has a full dirt infield. It is obvious you haven't seen our ground. It was opened in 1976 and up to the Centre of Excellence opening here in Hull, was the finest ground in the UK. We have proper dugouts, a brick building for scorers and a tea room.

My husband and I have been in the game 40 years and have yet to come across a ground as good as ours.

Mrs Jean Comforth
Secretary Hull Royals

Thank you Mr Megson and Mrs Comforth for pointing out to us the error of our ways. It's great to hear that progress is being made. We print below a picture of the Hull Royals ground.

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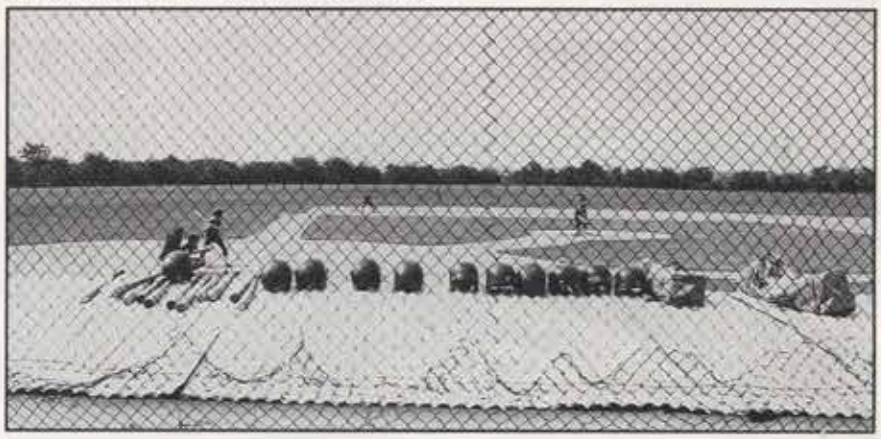

GAHAN'S GAME

Not that we wish to dwell on the past, but news reached us recently of a game played last year in the BBF South 2nd Division which readers will no doubt find of interest.

On 14th May 1989, Chris Gahan, of the Croydon Pirates pitched his team to 12-0 win over rivals the Croydon BlueJays II. A shut-out yes. What's of real interest however is that:

A Gahan threw a one-hitter, which is to be applauded at any level of the game.

B He struck out 21 of the 24 batters he faced in this seven inning game and walked none.

Gahan also managed to go 3 for 4 at the plate, drove in 2 runs and scored twice. Not a bad way to spend an afternoon!

Bluejays shortstop Ian Johnson ruined the bid for a no-hitter by getting the only hit (a double) for the Bluejays. Below is the box score from the game. For all you pitchers out there, read it and weep.

Pirates 12
Bluejays II 0

PIRATES	ab	r	h	bi
Petrie 2b	1	1	1	1
Sweeney 2b	0	0	0	0
Lawson 2b	1	0	0	0
Price 3b	5	2	0	0
Ward 1b	4	2	1	0
Gahan p	4	2	3	2
Addley rf	3	1	1	2
Ferguson ss	4	1	0	0
Jeffery cf	2	1	1	0
El-Droubie cf	2	0	1	2
Marlow cf	0	0	0	0
Wood c	3	1	1	0
Smith lf	2	1	1	1
Harkness lf	0	0	0	0
Szuscik'w'z lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**12**	**10**	**8**

BLUEJAYS II	ab	r	h	bi
Delaney 2b	3	0	0	0
Pearce c	3	0	0	0
D Roberts 3b	3	0	0	0
Johnson ss	3	0	1	0
Green lf	3	0	0	0
Thomas p	3	0	0	0
Falcon cf	2	0	0	0
McLeod 1b	2	0	0	0
T Roberts rf	2	0	0	0
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Bluejays II	000	000	0	**0**

E: Delaney (3), Pearce, Roberts (3), Johnson, McLeod, Sweeney. **LOB:** Pirates 8, Bluejays II 3. **2B:** Johnson, Gahan, Wood. **SB:** Johnson, Price, Gahan, Addley (3), Ferguson (2), Jeffery, Wood, Smith. **SF:** Petrie. Struck out:

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Bluejays II						
Thomas - L	7	10	12	10	8	5
Pirates						
Gahan - W	7	1	0	0	0	21

PB: Pearce (3). **UMP:** G Lawson, S Smith.

1949 Hornsey Red Sox. White City Stadium prior to final.

DOUG COWLING AND THE 1949 HORNSEY RED SOX

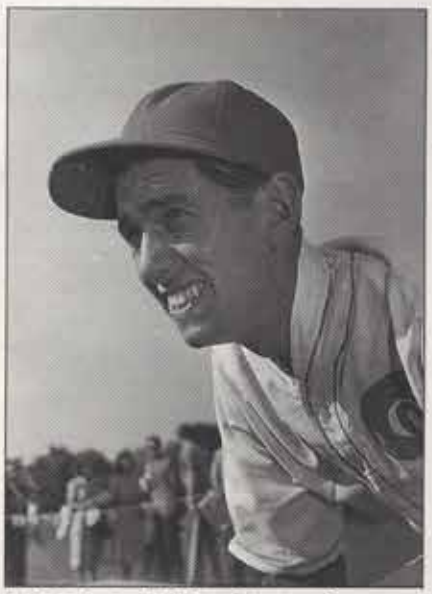
Why a feature on the past? Well firstly, one thing history teaches us is that if you don't know where you're coming from then you won't know where you're heading. We can learn from the successes and failures of baseball's past.

Secondly, British Baseball in the 40's was similar in many ways to that of today. It too had aboom period which eventually came to an end. We thought it would be enlightening to see if anything has really changed and if so, for the better or worse?

White City Stadium London, August 14th 1949. More than ten thousand spectators watch the Hornsey Red Sox beat the Liverpool Cubs 10-5 in the British Baseball Challenge Cup Final. Hornsey manager Doug Cowling's 12 year dream comes true.

North London, June 1990. Doug Cowling sits in his Middlesex home and recounts tales of British Baseball in the late 40's: of his 1949 championship team, of wooden Louisville Slugger bats at six shillings a apiece and no batting helmets. Of pitcher Al Kravitz and catcher Curly Marklew, of large crowds and how ice cream sales kept the club going.

Post-war British Baseball was more than a novelty. Over 80 teams played in Greater London alone and more than 200 nationwide.



In his prime - Red Sox Manager Doug Cowling

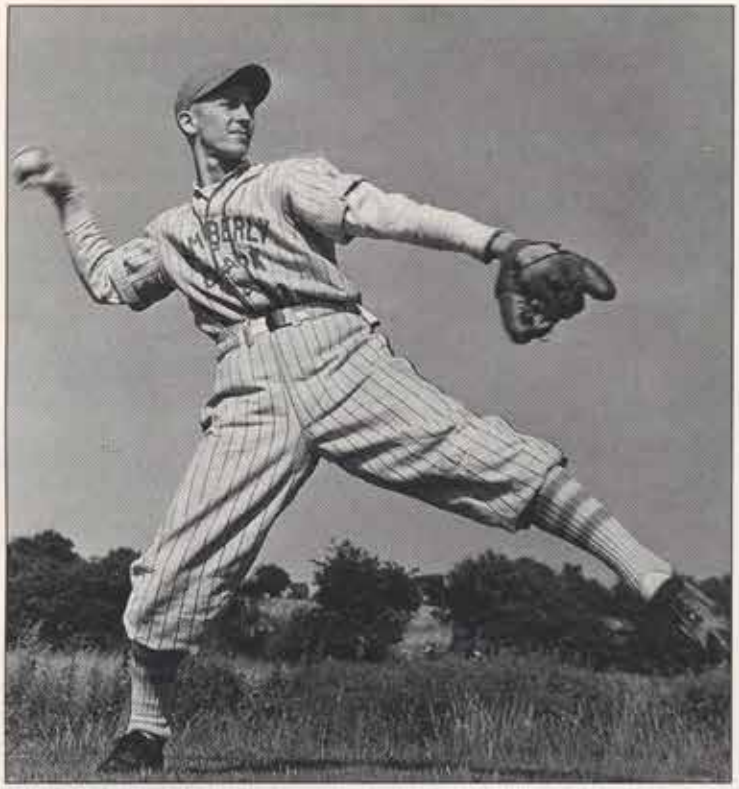
In the 1949 semi-final, 20,000 people turned out to see the Birmingham Beavers get beat by Baseball's best ... the Hornsey Red Sox.

"We had a great team" said Cowling, "Curly Marklew, our catcher, could hit second base with a throw from his knees. Our starting lefthanded pitcher Al Kravits had three pitches and could throw them all hard".

What about the standard of games then and now? "Our games were dominated more by the pitcher " said Cowling, "there were far fewer hits per game and fewer errors. Most of the teams I've seen recently are not as well drilled in the fundamentals of defence as we were. We worked hard on defence, cut-offs and relays and it paid off. "

The Hornsey Red Sox of the 1940's handled their own ground maintenance and public relations. They supported themselves by buying ice cream at tuppence and selling it for sixpence during the game. They would regularly attract crowds of 100-150 for Sunday afternoon games at their home field in Barnet, which was last used as a home by the Golders Green Sox in 1988. They often played at Wormwood Scrubs where there was a popular and well used field. Cowling the manager handled the P.R. himself and was always sure to get notice of up coming games in the local papers - scrapbooks full of clippings are testament to this. "You've got to let them know where and when" said Cowling, "it's vital".

Cowling was also not above gamesmanship. Before the final in 1949, Reg Gold, who at the time had a minor celebrity status as a gymnast, was used to lead the team onto the field bearing a trainers logo on his shirt. The move was to intimidate the Cubs and Cowling was sure it worked . "I watched the Cubs as Reg Gold ran out on the field leading our team. It seemed as though they got a foot shorter by the time we



Al Kravits make the pitch as . . .

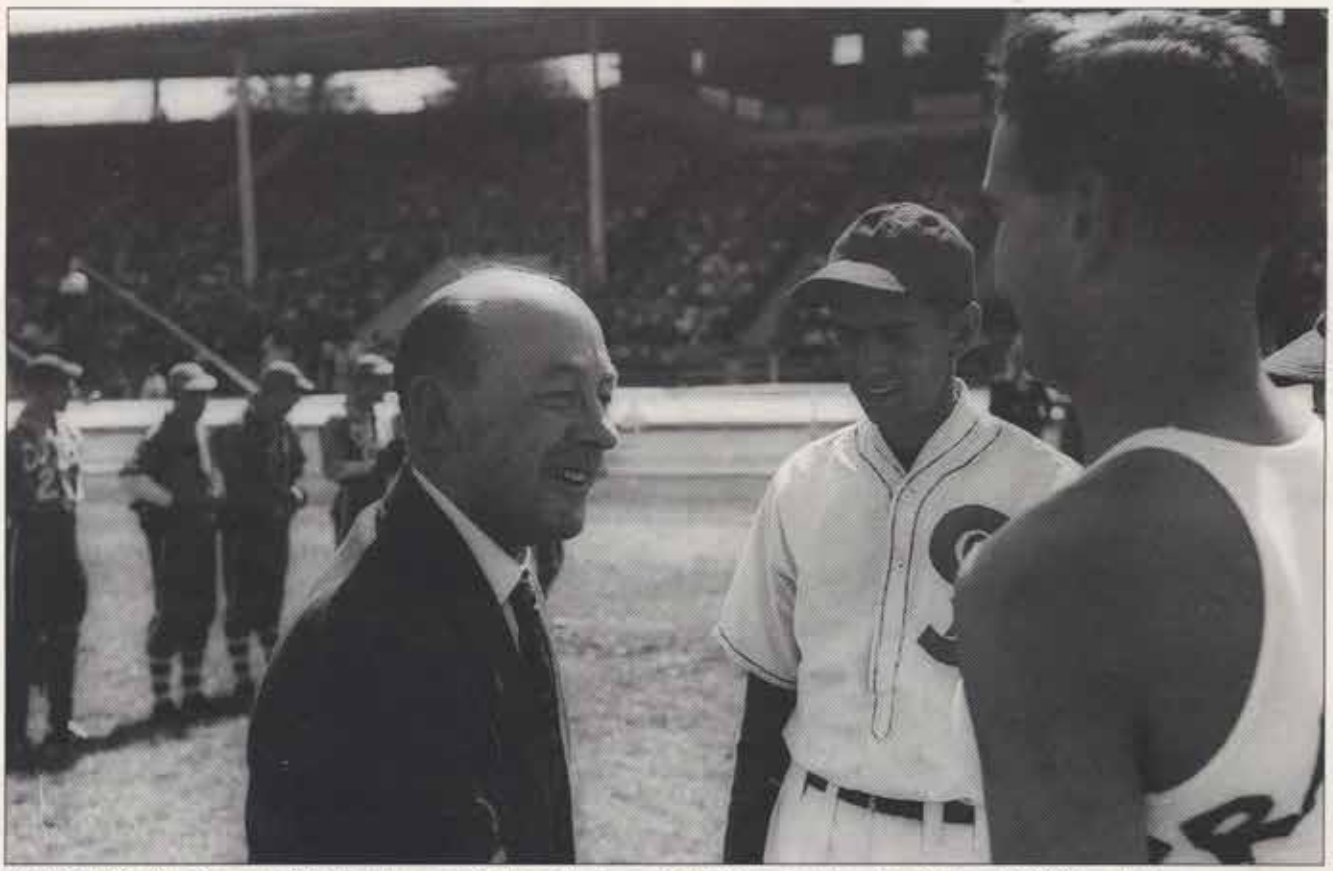
. . . catcher Curley Marklew gives the sign

reached our bench."

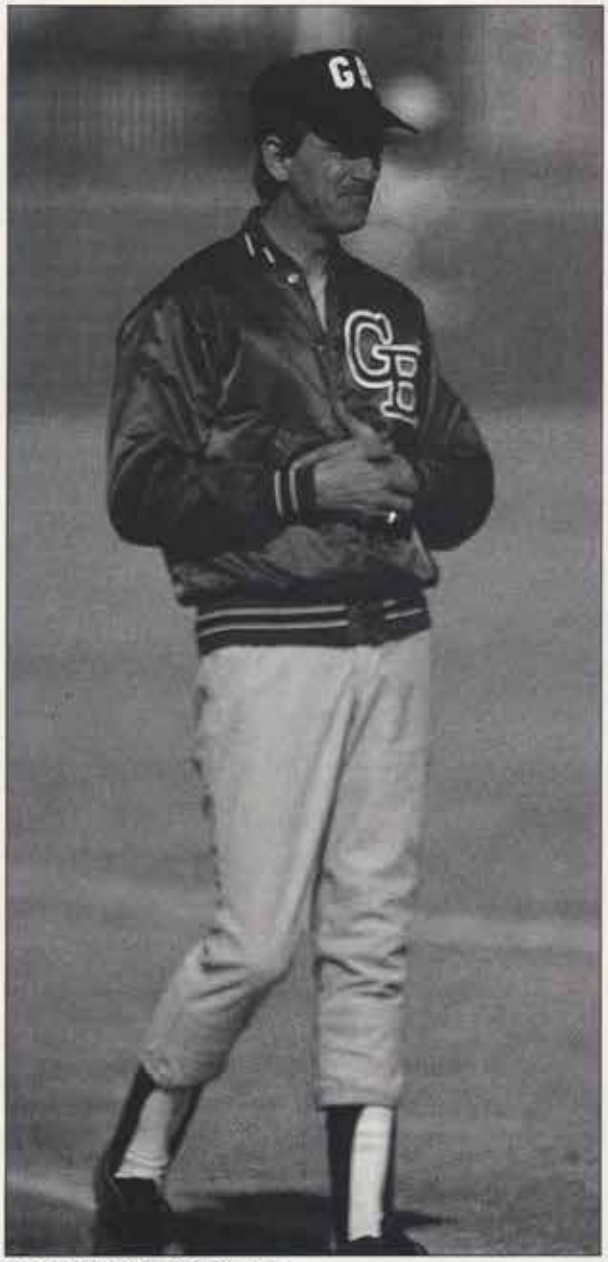
In 1935 the fifteen year old Doug wrote to Tom Yawkey the principal owner of the Boston Red Sox in the U.S.A. telling him he had named Hornsey after the Red Sox and would Mr Yawkey have any used equipment to start the team going? A few weeks later a suitcase arrived full of ex-major league gloves, bats, balls and catchers gear plus a hand written letter from Tom Yawkey and Joe Cronin, Boston's manager. Armed with the essential gear and the enthusiasm many of us have felt at one time or another, he set off and built up his team recruiting players and generating interest. He did well as the next few years offered him the fun and enjoyment, failures and successes of being part of a Baseball team.

After the war the Sox reformed and spent a few years rebuilding. When the 49' team won the title most of the team were well into their late 30's and early 40's. Many had given good solid effort over the years and had to turn their energy toward work and family responsibility. The team drifted apart and so came to a close another of British Baseballs more special eras.

In a different era, Doug Cowling showed that with the proper planning and commitment, a great deal could be achieved. We wish him all the best for the future.



White City Stadium August 1949 - the Liverpool Cubs, a stadium official, Doug Cowling, Reg Gold and 10,000 spectators.



Mike Harrold - GB Coach

GB SQUAD UPDATE

BY GB COACH MIKE HARROLD

The GB squad had its first work-out together to open the new Centre of Excellence in Hull. The opposition, Menwith Hill US base, did not come on as strong as forecast nor as I would have wished. Never-the-less you play as well as you are allowed and our 21-4 win perhaps tells more of our strength than their weakness.

It was disappointing the full selected squad could not make the trip to Hull. Injuries, work committments, holidays and club demands took ten players from the squad. I commend those who were there for their committment, discipline and the way they played.

Despite the ease of the win I was able to play some youngsters who had not previously worn the GB uniform and they came through with great credit. Alan Williams did well with the bat and I was pleased to see him pick up the GB player of the day award. Mat Gaunt, the young catcher from the Nottingham Pirates, did well in handling Brian Thurston who again proved he is one of the best pitchers we have.

In all we drew 19 walks and 11 hits which gives an indication of the Menwith pitching strength but we needed to show good discipline to get on base so often. We also gained 18 rbi's giving up only 2 hits. Giving up 8 walks needs looking at but in a game where there are a total of 27 walks, perhaps the strike zone was too small!

A 7 inning game meant I was not able to give as much mound time to the young pitchers in the squad as I had planned.

My complements go to the Humberside Councils and the Humberside BBF on their new ground. It made you feel like a 'ballplayer' in a what is a 'ballpark'. Congratulations to all involved and lets hope more follow.

We will find it hard to get a National team good enough to get to the Olympics unless we sort out this club versus country confrontation. Apart from four players released to play for their clubs, several other players need to make the choice. I do not like players being put in the situation of choosing 'club or country'. It is something the administrators, secretaries and club managers are going to have to sort out. Administrators and secretaries to get schedules done early and allow for internationals and club managers to have the strength of club squads to allow players to be willingly released. Next year with European Championships and Olympic qualifications is going to mean GB players missing from their clubs for a long time and plans from my point of view are well advanced. Leagues and clubs should also begin to plan. I have to have the players in the right frame of mind and missing "important" club games is concerning to all.

The next GB game is scheduled for July 14th at Gateshead with players reporting on the Saturday for a clinic get-together and the game on the Sunday.

I hope to be able to make an important announcement very soon concerning the funding of the National Squad so keep reading Baseball UK for this news.

COACHING AND LEAGUE STRUCTURE by MIKE HARROLD

The standard of play in the UK, having improved as it has, still leaves us well short of our European competitors. There are in my opinion, two main reasons for this. Coaching and league structure.

Coaching development is subject to its own organisation where plans are in hand and I hope we will see some progress on this front in the near future. It is the crux of our problems with standards and the overall development of our sport and I sincerely hope those charged with implementing the coaching scheme will get something moving quickly.

But let's concentrate on the league structure in Great Britain. The situation at the moment is the BBF is split into regions with each region governing its own league structure. The BBF operate three competitions at National level:

1 A junior knock-out cup.

2 A senior knock-out cup under C.E.B.A. nationality restriction rules.

3 A championshiop knock-out competition with BBF nationality restriction rules.

The BBF have had a loose connection with the National league, a competiton aimed to be the 'show piece' of British Baseball for the seasons 1987, 1988 and 1989. Since Scottish Amicable withdrew sponsorship the National League is operating, albeit on a smaller scale.

I have never been a total fan of the National League. I do not believe it has given us the 'show piece game'. I do not believe it has improved the overall standard of play in Great Britain. I do not believe it has encouraged players to participate nor do I believe it has enhanced our sport by attracting more spectators.

We must look at our structure and provide a route with the aim of having our best players/clubs in direct competition. I see scores of 40-0 or 35-3 and cannot be convinced anyone is benefitting.

Player loyalty - club or National league team; club or country; concerns me a great deal and our overall pitching strength is poor.

Surely it is possible to grade teams and have similarly graded teams playing each other. In the fullness of time standards will improve.

If we are serious about improving our sport we must give players tough games week in week out. We must give spectators a real game to watch, loyalties to build on and facilities to see the top clubs in action.

I do not hide from the fact a change will hurt some people but if we continue with our current structure of competition we will stay a minority sport, remain in isolated pockets or even die. Ask yourself a question; how many teams in your region have formed and folded within five years?, 5%, 25%, 50% or even 100%. Something has to change and we all have to be committed to that change.

Would the sport not benefit long term from a Major League playing a 26 game schedule plus championship series play-offs? Regions forming feeder leagues where its clubs would enter a competition on the format of our current British Championships for entry into the major league the following year (the bottom team in the major league falling back into its regional league).

There would be a rider to being in the major league - a junior team. Nearly all the really good players in this country have come up through junior teams. We must do sometbing that provides more juni or players.

I want your views - the players, administrators, spectators - all have interest in the game.

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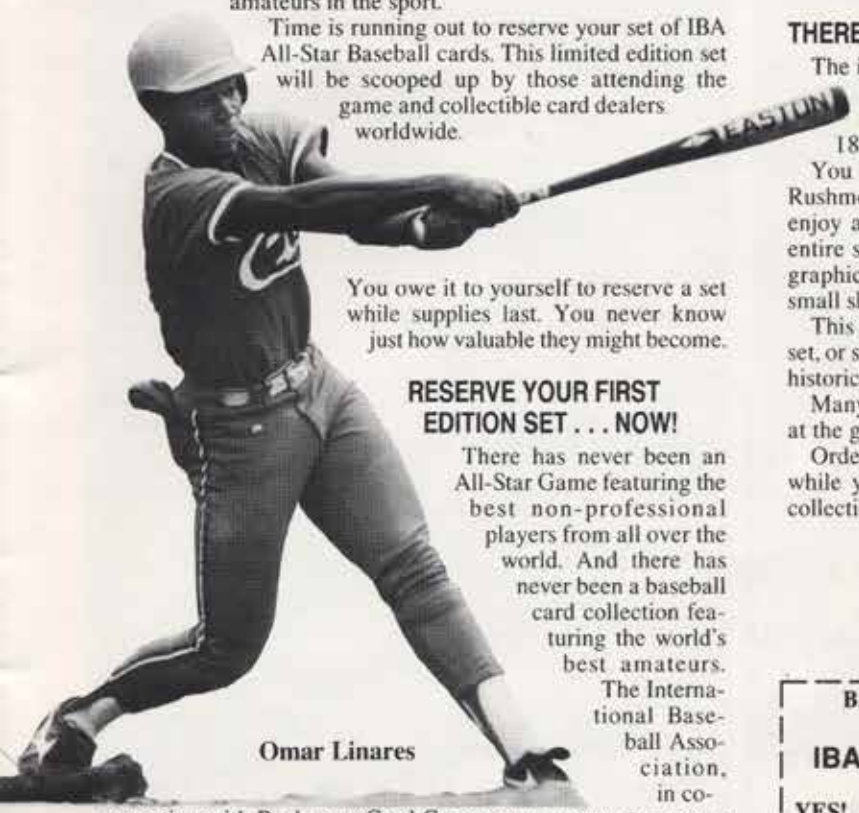

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PICK-OFF PLAYS

PURPOSE

To teach the pitchers how to mechanically execute a pick-off play.

PROCEDURE

A: PICK-OFF PLAY BY THE PITCHER

Runner on first base. The pitcher uses three types of throws on pick-off plays.

a Quick move to first during his stretch move.
b A right-hander's best move to first after completion of the stretch is a hop-and-throw motion.
c A slow deliberate move to first just to let runner know that the pitcher knows he is on base.

1. On a quick move to first, the pitcher starts his stretch and at any time during the stretch move, he turns and throws to first.

Use this when the runner takes his lead off too fast, crosses his feet and legs and takes the lead or takes a lead without paying attention to what the pitcher does. The runner should wait until the pitcher completes his stretch before taking his lead. The pitcher should use his quick move with two outs as the offensive team may try to steal.

2. The pitcher completes his stretch and is set to pitch to plate. The pitcher looks at the runner; if the runner has too big a lead the pitcher makes as quick a move to first as he can, trying to pick the runner off.

On this move the pitcher makes a hop-and-set movement throwing the ball to first at the same time. He could also step back off the pitching rubber and throw to first as he steps off rubber. This move is used most to hold a base runner close to the bag to prevent stolen bases.

3. On a slow deliberate move to first, the pitcher just throws over to first to let the runner know he is aware of the runner on first base.

B: RUNNER ON SECOND BASE OR FIRST AND SECOND BASES.

1. A right-handed pitcher turns to his left and a left-handed pitcher turns to his right.

a This type of move looks as if the pitcher might be throwing to homeplate. Also, it gives the pitcher a good chance to look at the target before throwing to home and is more deceptive on pick-off plays to second base. The runner must be cautious as the pick-off play may be on, or the pitcher may take a second look toward second, or he may be pitching to hitter.

b Another turn: right-handed pitchers turn to their right, left-handed pitchers turn to their left to make throws to second base. The pitcher makes this type of move whenever he sees that the shortstop or second baseman covering the base has the runner beat.

c We use this play (move in either direction) as part of our defense against the sacrifice play (first and second occupied, none out) to break up the sacrifice play with a force play at third base.

D: THE DAYLIGHT PICK-OFF PLAY.

1. The pitcher gets the sign for the next pitch from the catcher and completes his stretch before he looks back at the shortstop and runner on second base.
2. The shortstop gives the pitcher a signal for the pick-off play or the team has a rule that the daylight pick-off play will be run anytime the pitcher and shortstop see DAYLIGHT between the runner and the shortstop.
3. The pitcher, seeing daylight between the runner and the shorstop, turns his head and looks toward the plate, counts one, turns and throws to the shortstop covering second base on the play.
4. The shortstop continues toward second as the pitcher looks toward home plate, covering the bag on the pitcher's throw to second base.
5. The daylight pick-off play is a fast play; the shortstop must break fast to be at the bag in order to handle pitcher's throw.
6. The second baseman stays out of the play so it will not be given away or interfered with. The second baseman backs up second base on the throw.
7. The daylight pick-off play can be used without a signal when the shortstop and the pitcher are looking at each other and they see daylight between the runner and the shortstop. The shortstop breaks for second base and the pitcher turns and throws. He can turn in the direction of his throwing arm in making the daylight play.

E: PICK-OFF PLAY - CATCHER GIVING THE SIGNAL TO THE PITCHER AS TO WHEN TO TURN AND THROW TO SHORTSTOP OR SECOND BASEMAN, WHOEVER IS COVERING THE BAG.

1. The pitcher looks to the plate and gets the signal from the catcher for the type of pitch.
2. The pitcher also gets a signal from the catcher at this time that the pick-off play will be tried. The catcher touches his mask or rubs his hand across his shirt or any signal that the team wants to use.
3. The pitcher keeps looking at theplate until the catcher gives him the signal that the shortstop is breaking toward second. The catcher's signal to the pitcher to throw to second base can be any one of the following - the catcher:

a Pulls glove away from his bare hand.
b Picks up and throws dirt with bare hand.
c Rubs his hand across his shirt.
d Touches his mask.

4. The catcher gives the pick-off signal to the pitcher when the shortstop breaks toward second base.
5. The pitcher, on getting the catcher's signal, turns immediately and throws to the shortstop or second baseman.
6. The shortstop breaks toward second base any time he thinks the runeer has too big a lead and can be picked off. He goes all the way to the bag, looking for the ball to be thrown to him at any time. The shortstop must always look for a throw.
7. The shortstop can give a signal to the catcher that he wants to try for a pick-off when the runner is getting too big a lead off at second base.

by Loyal Park

These plays are taken from "Treasury Of Baseball Drills" by Danny Litwhiler - published by Parker Publishing Inc, New York.

F: TIMED OR "COUNT" PICK-OFF PLAY.

1. A different signal is given by the shortstop, second baseman or catcher to the pitcher telling him who is taking the throw at second, when he looks back at the runner on second base or gets the sign from the catcher.
2. The shortstop can use one of these signals - touching tip of cap, belt buckle, or rub against shirt (any signal a team wants to use).
3. The [pitcher gets the signal, looks back to second, then turns his head toward the plate. This starts the play with the count 1; the pitcher counts 2, 3, and turns to throw to second base.
4. The shortstop or second baseman, whoever is taking theplay at second, breaks for second base on the pitcher's look to home plate. The shortstop or second baseman will be there in plenty of time to handle the throw and make the tag or prevent a bad throw into center field. (Work this play slowly when first starting practice. Count slowly even to 4, turn and throw. When the play is timed it will be made on 3 or 31/2 counts. The pitcher will start to turn as he counts 3 and throws.) It is best to make a complete turn. It looks more as if the pitcher is going to pitch and also gives him a good look at the plate or target before he pitches to the hitter at the plate if the play is not on.
5. A pick-off play is worthwhile even if you do not pick the runner off.

G: CHANGE OF PACE OR DOUBLE-BREAK PLAY.

The change of pace pick-off is run like the timed or count play with these differences.
1. The man who is to cover the bag on the play fakes the runner back to the bag. The man covering the bag starts back to his original fielding position. As the runner starts to take his lead again, the pitcher looks toward the plate, starting the play. The man (shortstop or second baseman) who is covering breaks for second base on the pitcher's look to home plate. The pitcher starts the count on the look to the plate as 1, then 2, and he throws. This method is faster, as the baseman covering the bag on the play will not have reached his original fielding position so the distance to bag is short. Regardless of how far the baseman covering the bag is away from the bag after he fakes the runner back toward second, he breaks to cover the bag on pitcher's look to plate.
2. The shortstop can fake the runner back to the bag when the second baseman is covering the bag or the man who fakes the runner back can also cover the bag after he fakes the runner back.
3. The right-handed pitchers can get the signal from the shortstop. Left-handed pitchers get the signal from thesecond baseman. The designated signal for the second baseman or shortstop remains the same, regardless of who gives the signal or who covers the bag.
4. The timing on this method has to be practiced until the play is timed properly. Run it slowly at the beginning and increase the timing speed as the players involved get the plays mastered.

H: PICK-OFF PLAYS - MEN ON FIRST AND SECOND BASES.

Situation: Runner on first and second bases; left-handed pitcher.

1. The runner on first base is taking an extra big lead. The first baseman plays behind the runner.
2. Thepitcher gives the first baseman a signal for attempting the pick-off play at first base, or the first baseman gives the signal to the pitcher. The signal must be acknowledged by a return signal - both men can use the same signal so each knows that the play is on.
3. After looking back at the second base runner, the pitcher looks toward home plate. The first baseman breaks for first base. The pitcher makes a good pick-off move to first base.
4. The pitcher and first baseman are the only ones involved. The pitcher uses the same pick-off move as with a runner on first base only. The first baseman must break early enough so he will be at the bag to handle the throw.
5. The first baseman must be alert regarding the runner on second base.

Situation: Runner on first and second bases; right-handed pitcher.

1. Pick-off play at first base with a right-handed pitcher.
2. Runner on first base takes a long lead from the bag.
3. The first baseman is playing in back of the runner.
4. The pitcher does not pay attention to the first base runner, but watches only the runner on second base. This is the usual procedure: The shortsop or second baseman can put on their pick-off play against the runner on second base. This should allow thefirst base runner to get careless.
5. The first baseman gives the signal to the shortstop that he wants a pick-off play to be tried on the runner on first base.
6. The shortstop gives the signal to the pitcher, who acknowledges that he has the play and will try it.
(a) These signals can be simple, such as touching of cap or taking off his glove, by the first baseman, or touching his belt buckle.
(b) The shortstop can use the cap signal to notify the pitcher that the play is on. He can also touch the belt buckle or rub across his shirt. Any of these signals is okay.
7. The pitcher must acknowledge the play by giving the signal to the first baseman that he will try the play. He does not look at the first baseman, only the shortstop.
8. Timing of play:
(a) The pitcher continues to look at the shortstop and the second base runner.
(b) The shortstop starts the play, gives the signal to the pitcher as the first baseman breaks for first base.
(c) The pitcher who has completed his stretch turns and throws to first on the shortstop's signal. This signal can be the dropping of his glove to his side. This gives the first baseman a slightly earlier break than the pitcher's move and throw to first base.

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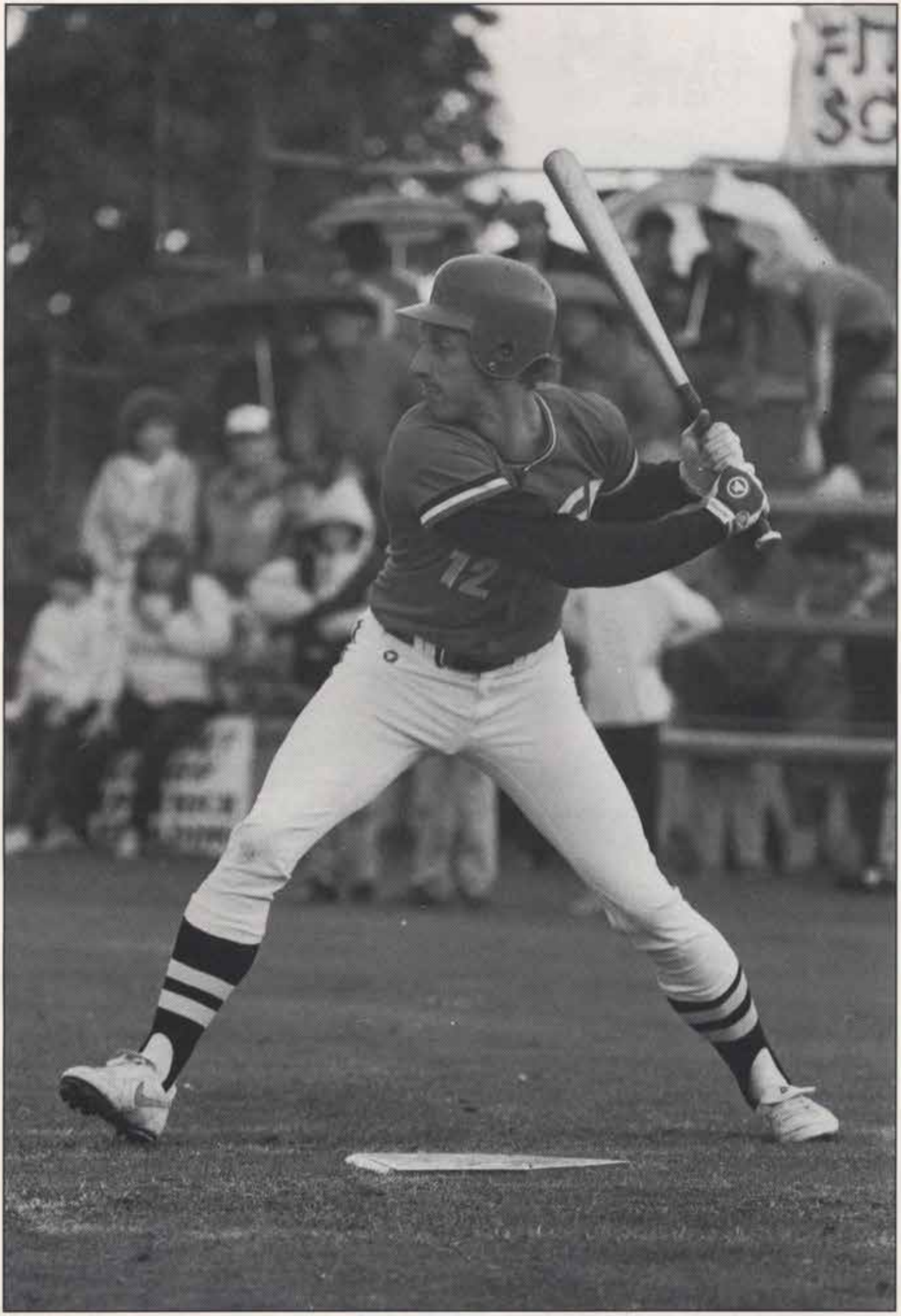

Taking a swing. Rick Soan, Crawley Giants and Great Britain.

RICK SOAN
THE GENTLE GIANT

BY HARVEY SAHKER

Rick Soan led the G.B. squad at last September's European "A" Championships with 10 hits and played errorless defense in centre field. Having rejoined the National side just the previous year after a layoff of nearly a decade, the road to Paris was a long one for Rick.

Born and raised in Battle, East Sussex, Rick Soan's interest in baseball stemmed from the Armed Forces Radio Major League broadcasts his father listened to. Rick learned to play baseball with his brother, using a tennis ball, a homemade bat and a tractor, the front of which served as a strike zone. In 1976, Rick moved to Brighton and tried to latch onto the local baseball team. Unable to field a squad that year, the Brighton club passed Rick on to the Crawley Giants. He didn't get into his first game with Crawley. The next game was at Wokingham: "I was the ninth man, so I got a game. I played centre field and have played there almost ever since." It was an inauspicious debut - Rick played under someone else's name, went 0 for 5 with the bat and impaled his hand on a fence after chasing down a foul ball, leaving a scar he still has today. Things improved quickly for him however. He won Crawley's batting award at the end of the season.

A couple of years later, Rick was selected for the G.B. squad and gained his first cap at Stoneleigh, Warwickshire. "It was a very big honour", he said. "We played Belgium. Pete Darnell pitched and we beat them 3-2 which was a very, very good result. I played the whole game in right field and struck out, I think, every time at bat, missed a catch and overthrew a base - a horrendous start." Despite his own performance, one of his fondest baseball memories is from that match: "It was one down, top of the ninth. They hit a fly ball. John Harrington came charging in, made the catch and picked a runner off second to end the game."

After a second sub-par performance for G.B. that season, this time against France, Rick Soan was dropped from the squad. "I always felt, based on what other people could do, that I should be in the squad, but having made the squad I hadn't played very well." It wasn't until 1988 that he reappeared in the G.B.team, at the European "B" Championships at Birmingham. A stronger showing in the Midlands sent Rick and his teammates to Paris in 1989.

How does Rick compare the team that retained a place in the "A" Pool last year to the group that edged the Belgiums at Stoneleigh? "A lot still depends on your number one pitcher. When we did well at Paris last year, we had a very good number one pitcher... When Pete Darnell was pitching, he was a good pitcher and knew what he was doing. As for a solid team of players, I think the G.B. squad now are a little better because everybody knows everybody else." With more matches together, the players have a chance to play as a team. And it's less tense than one-offs: "All of a sudden everyone gets together for one game and it's frightening. You go up, you've got three perhaps four at-bats and there's a lot of pressure on you. When you play one game followed by another there's some pressure there but you're so much more relaxed about it." Rick went on to say, "I'd be nervous now if I had to go on and play one game next weekend and that was it. If I had to play a game every day next week, I'd be fine."

The baseball event that stands out most for Rick Soan came in the game last September which clinched a place for Great Britain at the 1991 Group "A" Championships at Rome. It came against the West Germans: "There was one out needed to win the game. It was 8-6 and the guy flied out to centre field. Everybody knew it was an out and I knew it was an out and that was great. Every now and then I can see the ball leaving the bat and it's nice to have the confidence to know it's going to be an out. That one was my all time favourite because that was doing something for the team. I've got that ball at home as a trophy."

Now 34, Rick Soan's baseball experience continues to grow. He made his Crawley Giants pitching debut earlier this season against the National Champions the Enfield Spartans. Rick gave up several runs in his first inning but struck out the side.

During the winter, Rick made a debut of another sort: He became a father for the first time. Carl Soan will definitely get an opportunity to play when he's old enough: "He's going to get every chance to play and if he wants to play then I would like to come back, have another go - not play myself, but I'd happily help the team." For now, Rick is finishing his fifteenth year in Giants colours. Crawley's soft-spoken six-foot-four centre fielder will continue to lead by example 'till he "hangs 'em up", letting his bat and glove do the talking.

BASEBALL UK SCOUTING REPORTS

NORTH WEST

LIVERPOOL TIGERS

Last season's champions and Lancashire Cup winners, favourites to take the title again this season. Suffered a set back when GB player Jed Bassey broke a leg playing soccer in the off-season. New players who will fill his place are Bob Alger, last year's pitcher for the Trojans and John Leeth - ex-Burtonwood home run hitter. Home ground: Chequers Lane, Skelmersdale.

BURTONWOOD BRAVES

Robertson Trophy winners last year and runners up in league after play-off. New players to their line up include Jarvis Jenkins, Bill Stover and Charles Hire. Steve Williams joins from the Trojans. Also, young Canadian pitcher Francis Lacey promises to be a valuable back-up to starter Martin Godsall. Home ground: RAF Burtonwood.

LIVERPOOL TROJANS

Trojans had to make some rapid signings to repair the ravages of last seasons mass exodus. Eight players decided to leave the game or seek other pastures. Two ex-Trojans rejoined the team - Omar Villiagas and Tony Flores. Shi Taha and Ceasar Moya and the welcome return of liam Costello filled the gaps and with veteran ex-internationals Norman Wells and Arthur Bolton, the team is still in good fettle. Pitching will be in the hands of Phil Bretherton, Arthur Bolton, Villiagas and young Neil Salinas. Home ground: BootleSports Centre.

STRETFORD A's

New signing Imamura will do a lot to strengthen the A's, who only formed three years ago and are still building. Colin Jackson's departure back to Scotland left a huge vacuum which has to be filled. Now under the guidance of John Nuttall and Donnarumna, the will is there for them to create a new force and emulate the Manchester teams of yesteryear.

PRESTON BOBCATS

Between them Frank Caunce and Simon Lesser have welded together a team that is steadily becoming stronger with each game. Only two years old, they won promotion from the second division (now disbanded) and already this year are proving worthy opposition to the rest of the division. New player, shortstop Shioshi Yasuda, has a safe pair of hands a very useful bat and brings more experience to their squad. If starting pitcher Peter Shone shows more control, then the rest of the division needs to beware. Home ground: Moor Park, Preston.

SKELMERSDALE TIGERS

Formed last year as a second team to the Liverpool Tigers, they are now a team in their own right. The squad is full of enthusiastic young players, led by veteran ex-Tiger pitcher Dave Taylor and coached by a yet more experienced Eddy James. They can only go up and up. Before the season is out, leading teams will be looking over their shoulders, because this is a team that definitely has a future. Manager Gordon Allen. Home Ground: Chequers Lane, Skelmersdale.

YORKSHIRE

BARNSLEY OLD TOWN

Continue to bat well but lack of pitching depth and pace produces some very high scoring matches. When things are going well they make take some stopping, but they've been known to self-destruct after a really bad innings.

HARROGATE RED WINGS

Foreign players make up the bulk and strength of this team. As predicted, an early exit from the cup when some were not eligible to play. However, they set the standard for other teams to emulate and it possibly earns them the number one spot with Menwith. Return of the two Shad brothers will make them more formidable.

HUDDERSFIELD HEROES

Another bad start and could be another bad season as most of last years squad still doesn't seem to know the rule book. Occasional big hitters but again with no pitching depth, end game slumps seem inevitable.

LEEDS CITY ROYALS

Departing pitchers Strout, reportedly out of the game, and Dewhurst, now of the Red Wings have made way for newcomer Rob Lopez who steps up from short to take over on themound. Small squad but capable of beating anyone on their day.

MENWITH HILL

The US base continues to be an excellent yard stick for the rest of the league. Disappointing match against GB when they had no real pitching threat to offer. The return match in Gateshead should be much better. Have lost a few players to the Red Wings this season.

SHEFFIELD BLADERUNNERS

Cup quarter finalists (against Crawley Comets) after beating Leeds and Barnsley who both currently lead them in the league. Committment and belief in their ability has faded in recent games against Menwith and away to the Red Wings. Three new players have recently joined and should strengthen the squad but pitching is still a big headache.

HUMBERSIDE

HULL METS

Ex GB player Barry Marshall has a lot to do with the coaching and success of the Hull Mets who have lost just one local league game in the last three years. Brian Thurston is hard to beat and probably the best UK pitcher today. Along with brothers Mike and Phil they make for formidable opposition.

HULL ROYALS

The longest established club in the country have not won any major titles recently but have a promising young side for the future. Andy Wiltshire and Rob Dixon, who have come through theyouth baseball programme in Hull are players to watch in the future.

HULL WARRIORS

A team with great potential that tends to come up short. Good batting side. Pitcher Darren Butler and hitter Steve Heslop promise much for the future.

HULL GIANTS

The Giants have good fielding, good batting but suspect pitching. Among the squad is ex GB player Simon Radge at third and ray Todd who starred in the GB under 19's team in Bordeaux. Darren Turtle, who came over to the Giants from the Mets will add a lot with his bat.

SOUTH

ENFIELD SPARTANS

The pitching is fairly solid with Ed Duff, Oscar Marcellino and Iain Lanario. They should continue to roll on. Steve Simmons, Rob Lanario and Gary Bedingfield anchor an infield that was good enough to get to the final of this years European B Cup Championships and they need only to play consistently to take the south title in '90.

SUTTON BRAVES

Steady as they go the Braves remain the only legitimate threat to Enfield. They can pitch well at times, they can field well at times and they are capable of stinging the ball. But can they do it all on the same day? It would be enjoyable to watch. Brad Thompson, Kevin Murphy, Alan Smith, Lee Mayfield and Alan Bloomfield form a solid core from last years finalists with Anthony Kennedy and Steve Keeping adding the pitching and punch that could make it quite interesting.

READING ROYALS

This team has held up and find themselves in a position where they could have an exciting playoff schedule. With Peter Edwards, Trevor Edwards, Ian Lores, Steve Frost, Glenn Libby and Tom Dinkle all making regular contributions this team could cause a stir. David Gibbs up from the Royals second squad shows promise as the team continues to develop.

BARNES STORMERS

Well, some people say pitching is everything. Over at Barnes some great efforts on the

mound but sometimes their is just no escaping the need for someone to rear back and smoke the opposition. The team is getting better and better but need to recruit some talent to compete with the leaders.

CRAWLEY GIANTS

Another team with a need for a couple of hard hitting hard throwing lads. The season is just another for this club as they didn't possess the depth to make a move in the standings.

CROYDON BLUEJAYS

This club has held tough, despite their record. Dean Ward and Norman Laing putting in a strong effort to keep this club in touch with the desire to win. Support has been supplied on a regular basis from Paul Collins, Darrin Ward, John Harrington and Singh Bhandel to name but a few.

WALTHAM ABBEY ARROWS

They have a winning record and they could cause a stir, providing they get down to it and play hard the way they can. "Steady as you go" attitude could put this team in good stead as the play-off schedule approaches.

ARUN PANTHERS

This club has scared a couple of teams despite not having the depth. This year has been held together well by manager Greg Welch who will likely look to his strong junior side to strengthen in the future.

Spartans 2nd In European "B" Group Championships

The Enfield Spartans produced the most important result in their 15 year history finishing second in the European B Group Club Championships in Paris in June. It was the highest placing any UK club has achieved in Europe.

Enfield won all three group matches and met Swedish Champions Skeleftea (relegated last year from Group A) in the final.

GAME 1- VIENNA HOMERUNNERS

Iain Lanario struck out 12 and gave up 5 hits as Enfield beat Vienna 7-5. Steve Simmons and Brad Cruickshank got 3 hits a-piece.

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GAME 2 - ZURICH LIONS

Oscar Marcellino gave up 4 hits, Rob Lanario was excellent at shortstop and Ron Murphy collected 3 hits.

				R	H	E
ZURICH	001	000	00	1	4	5
ENFIELD	002	102	06	11	9	1

GAME 3 - HELSINKI DEVILS

Enfield pounded Helsinki 41-1, their biggest margin of victory ever.

				R	H	E
ENFIELD	776	467	4	41	27	1
HELSINKI	010	000	0	1	4	6

FINAL - SKELEFTEA

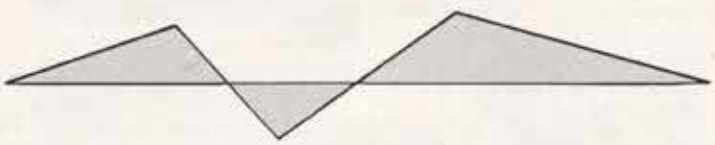
Despite taking an early lead, Enfield were unable to hold down the superior Swedish hitters. Ed Duff started on the mound and was relieved by Oscar Marcellino. Dave Russ got 2 hits with Rob and Iain Lanario getting one each.

				R	H	E
ENFIELD	100	000	0	1	4	2
SKELEFTEA	010	314	2	11	14	0

Enfield coach Henry Loscher said:

"Britain should be as proud of the Enfield Spartans as I am. By finishing second in a hotly contested tournament, the team has finished higher than any previous British team. I would also like to thank all of the team supporters for their encouragement. Lastly, special thanks go to Jack Akers, our absent manager, who was the real architect of the team's success. We look forward to winning the Championship next year."

Team Captain Simon Lanario said "With the right backing, we have the motivation and skill to go all the way to the top. We all learnt a valuable lesson today. Although we are currently the number one club in the UK, we still have a long way to go compared with Europe and the rest of the world . . . but we will!".



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BBF SOUTH DIV 1

WEEK 5 - MAY 20

Waltham Abbey	7	Barnes	8
Waltham Abbey	10	Barnes	4
Arun	8	Reading	10
Arun	2	Reading	17
Sutton	5	Enfield	1
Sutton	2	Enfield	7
Croydon	9	Crawley	10
Croydon	15	Crawley	21

WEEK 6 - MAY 27

Crawley	17	Barnes	18
Reading	3	Enfield	18
Waltham Abbey	19	Arun	6
Sutton	12	Croydon	7

WEEK 7 - JUNE 3

Waltham Abbey	1	Enfield	6
Waltham Abbey	5	Enfield	10
Arun	18	Crawley	6
Sutton	15	Barnes	9
Croydon	15	Reading	19

Spartans 6
Arrows 1

ENFIELD	ab	r	h	bi
R Lanario ss	4	0	0	0
Simmons 2b	4	1	2	0
Russ cf	3	2	1	0
I Lanario 3b	3	1	0	1
LaMagna rf	3	1	0	0
Duff p	2	0	0	0
Bedingfld c	2	0	0	1
Yuille lf	2	1	1	0
Cookson lf	1	0	0	0
S Lanario 1b	3	0	1	1
Totals	**27**	**6**	**5**	**3**

WALTHAM ABBEY	ab	r	h	bi
Bonsor 2b	3	0	0	0
Saunders rf	3	0	0	0
Langer cf-1b	2	1	0	0
Dillon c	2	0	1	0
Hindle p	3	0	0	0
Bowden1b-cf	3	0	0	0
Pickston 3b	2	0	0	0
Best lf	2	0	0	0
Williams ss	2	0	0	0
	22	**1**	**1**	**0**

Enfield	000	500	1	**6**
Waltham Abbey	000	000	1	**1**

E: R Lanario (2), Bonsor, Williams, Dillon, Saunders. **LOB:** Spartans 5, Arrows 2. **2B:** S Lanario, Russ. **3B:** Simmons (2). **SB:** Russ. **Caught stealing:** Dillon. **Struck Out:** (Spartans) - Bedingfield, Simmons, LaMagna, Duff; (Arrows) - Saunders (2), Bonsor, Hindle, Bowden, Pickston, Best.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Enfield						
Duff - W	7	1	1	0	2	7
Waltham Abbey						
Hindle - L	7	5	6	2	5	4

UMP: Chesterton.

Spartans 10
Arrows 5

ENFIELD	ab	r	h	bi
R Lanario ss	4	2	3	2
Simmons 2b	3	0	0	1
Russ cf	4	1	2	2
I Lanario p	4	0	1	0
Duff rf	3	1	0	0
Murphy rf	1	0	0	0
Marcelino 3b	3	1	1	1
Bedingfield c	4	2	3	1
LaMagna 1b	3	1	1	2
Yuille lf	2	2	1	0
Totals	**31**	**10**	**12**	**9**

WALTHAM ABBEY	ab	r	h	bi
Bonsor 2b	4	0	0	0
Saunders rf	4	1	3	0
Chesterton1b	3	2	0	0
Dillon c-cf	2	2	2	1
Hindle 3b-c	3	0	0	1
Bowden cf-p	3	0	0	0
Pickston p-3b	3	0	1	1
Best lf	3	0	0	0
Williams ss	2	0	0	0
	27	**5**	**6**	**3**

Enfield	143	002	0	**10**
Waltham Abbey	300	020	0	**5**

E: R Lanario (2), Dillon, Saunders. **LOB:** Spartans 3, Arrows 7. **2B:** R Lanario, Russ. **3B:** Marcelino. **SB:** R Lanario (2), Duff, Dillon, Pickston. **Caught stealing:** Dillon. **SF:** Marcelino, Simmons. **Struck Out:** (Spartans) - Duff, Russ, Yuille; (Arrows) - Bonsor (2), Hindle (2), Best (2), Bowden.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Enfield						
I Lanario- W	7	6	5	3	5	7
Waltham Abbey						
Pickston - L	2.2	9	6	6	1	0
Bowden	4.1	3	2	1	1	3

UMP: Langer.

WEEK 8 - JUNE 10

Crawley	6	Enfield	21
Crawley	2	Enfield	19
Barnes	12	Reading	6
Barnes	10	Reading	11
Waltham Abbey	11	Croydon	6
Waltham Abbey	5	Croydon	4
Arun	2	Sutton	9
Arun	3	Sutton	18

Arrows 11
Blue Jays 6

CROYDON	ab	r	h	bi
Collins p	3	1	1	2
Laing 3b	4	0	2	0
Sahker 1b	4	0	0	0
Bhandal c	4	1	2	0
Quinn cf	3	1	2	1
Rolls ss	3	1	1	0
Lawson lf	4	0	1	0
O'Grady 2b	3	1	0	0
McDermott rf	4	1	0	0
Totals	**32**	**6**	**9**	**3**

WALTHAM ABBEY	ab	r	h	bi
Bonsor 3b	3	1	1	1
Ebsary 2b	2	2	1	1
Chesterton1b	2	2	1	1
S Bowden p	4	1	0	0
Hindle c	4	1	3	3
Dillon cf	3	2	1	0
Jordan ss	4	0	2	0
J Bowden lf	4	1	0	0
Best rf	4	1	2	2
	31	**11**	**12**	**8**

Croydon	001	401	0	**6**
Waltham Abbey	205	220	x	**11**

2B: Collins, Hindle. **SB:** Bonsor, Ebsary (2), Chesterton, Bowden, Hindle (2), Dillon (2), Jordan, Collins, Laing (2), Bhandal, Quinn (2), Rolls (2), O'Grady. **Struck Out:** (Blue Jays) - Bhandal, Laing, Lawson; (Arrows) - Best, Ebsary.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Croydon						
Collins - L	6	12	11	5	4	2
Waltham Abbey						
Bowden - W	7	9	6	4	4	3

Arrows 5
Blue Jays 4

CROYDON	ab	r	h	bi
Collins c	4	2	2	0
Laing 3b	3	2	2	1
Sahker cf	4	0	3	2
Bhandal 2b	3	0	1	1
Droop lf	3	0	0	0
O'Grady 1b	3	0	0	0
Quinn p	2	0	1	0
McDermott rf	3	0	0	0
Rolls ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	**28**	**4**	**9**	**4**

WALTHAM ABBEY	ab	r	h	bi
Bonsor 3b	3	1	0	0
Saunders lf	4	0	0	0
Chesterton1b	3	2	2	1
Dillon c	2	1	2	2
Hindle p	2	0	1	0
S Bowden cf	3	0	2	0
Ebsary 2b	3	1	2	0
J Bowden rf	3	0	0	0
Williams ss	3	0	1	0
	26	**5**	**10**	**3**

Croydon	101	200	0	**4**
Waltham Abbey	200	111	x	**5**

2B: Collins. **3B:** Ebsary. **SB:** Bonsor (2), Chesterton, Dillon (2), Williams, Collins, Laing, Sahker, Quinn. **Struck Out:** (Blue Jays) - Droop (3), McDermott, Rolls; (Arrows) - Bonsor, Saunders (2), S Bowden, J Bowden, Hindle.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Croydon						
Quinn - L	6	10	5	2	6	6
Waltham Abbey						
Hindle - W	7	9	4	2	2	5

WEEK 9 - JUNE 17

Crawley	7	Sutton	12
Crawley	4	Sutton	7
Barnes	12	Croydon	6
Barnes	10	Croydon	13
Reading	9	Waltham Abbey	3
Reading	19	Waltham Abbey	2

WEEK 10 - JUNE 24

Waltham Abbey	11	Crawley	9
Arun	9	Barnes	14
Sutton	14	Reading	4
Croydon	2	Enfield	17

WEEK 11 - JULY 1

Crawley	5	Croydon	4
Barnes	12	Waltham Abbey	18
Reading	20	Arun	16
Enfield	15	Sutton	5

WEEK 12 - JULY 8

Crawley	19	Arun	7
Barnes	7	Sutton	15
Barnes	3	Sutton	12
Reading	13	Croydon	11
Reading	14	Croydon	11
Enfield	9	Waltham Abbey	5

WEEK 13 - JULY 15

Reading	11	Crawley	5
Reading	18	Crawley	14
Enfield	11	Barnes	0
Enfield	7	Barnes	6
Sutton	10	Waltham Abbey	6
Sutton	24	Waltham Abbey	9
Croydon	10	Arun	9
Croydon	15	Arun	8

BBFS DIVISION 1 STANDINGS

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Enfield Spartans	16	1	0.941
Sutton Braves	15	4	0.789
Reading Royals	13	6	0.684
Waltham Abbey Arrows	10	9	0.450
Barnes Stormers	6	13	0.315
Croydon Blue Jays	6	13	0.315
Crawley Giants	4	14	0.222
Arun Panthers	3	13	0.187

BBF SOUTH DIV 2
WEEK 5 - May 20

Bees 21
Trailblazers 11

BOURNEMOUTH - Despite a terrible 9 error fourth inning, the batting of the Bees saw them through. WP Ian MacLeod, LP Simon Drinkwater.

				R	H	E
Totteridge	200	603	0	11	10	6
Bournemouth	201	4 10	4x	21	16	12

Bees 24
Trailblazers 14

A lot of home runs from both sides. WP Pitman, LP Drinkwater.

				R	H	E
Totteridge	107	210	3	14	14	18
Bournemouth	543	732	x	24	14	5

Buccaneers 21
Sidewinders 5

A lot of walks in this game with home stolen regularly by the Bucs. WP Nick Warmink, LP J Wilson.

City Slick	300	100	1	**5**
South Coast	433	353	x	**21**

Buccaneers 11
Sidewinders 7

Tight game until the 6th when Bucs scored 6 with 2 out (2 doubles and a triple). P Redgrove hit 2-run homer for the Sidewinders. WP Nick Warmink, LP Will Beglane.

City Slick	012	220	0	**7**
South Coast	103	016	x	**11**

Mariners 12
Judges 11

Winning run hit by Cargo (triple brought in runs). WP Cargo (13 K's), LP Vince Warner (12 K's).

Chelmsford	000	503	12	**11**
Basildon	420	003	03	**12**

Judges 19
Mariners 1

6 home runs by Judges (Griggs 2, Devon Arkell 2, Vince Warner, Simon Boxeat) while the Mariners run came courtesy of two errors. WP Warner, LP Simmons.

Chelmsford	341	56	time	**19**
Basildon	001	00		**1**

Wanderers 15
Angels 14

Home runs by Wanderers' Farrington and Gofton. WP Gofton (11 K's, 10 BB), LP Millett (5K's, 7 BB).

WALTHAM FOREST	ab	r	h	bi
Moseley ss	3	1	1	1
Fransz c	4	2	0	0
Agha 1b	0	3	0	0
Omechi 3b	4	2	2	2
Millett p	3	1	0	2
Moto 2b	4	0	0	1
Thomas lf	3	1	0	1
Shoal rf	3	1	0	0
Bennett cf	4	3	2	2
Totals	**28**	**14**	**5**	**9**

TUNBRIDGE WELLS	ab	r	h	bi
Gofton p-ss	4	2	2	3
Gill cf-1b	5	2	1	2
Ward ss-p	4	0	0	0
Avery 3b	3	2	2	1
Jenner c	4	1	1	0
Neale 1b-cf	3	2	0	0
Farrington 2b	3	2	3	2
Osborne lf	3	2	2	1
Day rf	2	2	1	2
	31	**15**	**12**	**11**

Waltham Forest	003	110	9	**14**
Tunbridge Wells	242	050	2	**15**

2B: Gofton, Farrington. **HR:** Gofton, Farrington, Omechi. **LOB:** Waltham 6, Tunbridge 7.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Waltham Forest						
Millett	6	9	13	9	12	5
Dyett - L	1	3	2	2	0	0
Tunbridge Wells						
Gofton - W	6.2	4	10	8	9	12
Ward -S	0.1	1	4	1	3	0

UMP: Dormer.

Jay Hindle - Waltham Abbey Arrows

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Wanderers 24
Angels 5

Home runs by Wanderers' Gofton and Jenner, Angels' Bennett and Moto. WP Shaun Ward (10 K's, 4BB), LP Dyett (4 K's, 5 BB).

WALTHAM FOREST	ab	r	h	bi	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	ab	r	h	bi
Moseley ss	2	1	2	0	Gofton c	4	2	2	2
Fransz c	2	1	0	0	Gill 1b	5	3	4	3
DeGrasse 3b	2	0	0	1	Ward p	4	3	2	1
Omechi 1b	2	1	0	0	Avery cf	4	3	2	3
Millett cf	3	0	0	0	Jenner ss	5	4	2	4
Ayre lf	3	0	0	0	Neale rf	3	2	0	3
Bennett 2b	3	1	1	1	Farrington 2b	4	2	1	3
Thomas rf	2	0	0	0	Osborne lf	4	2	1	4
Moto dh	2	1	1	1	Patterson 3b	2	3	1	1
Totals	**21**	**5**	**4**	**3**					

Waltham Forest	002	30		5
Tunbridge Wells	7310	4x		24

2B: Avery, Osborne, Mike. **3B:** Ward, Jenner. **HR:** Gofton, Jenner, Moto, Andy. **LOB:** Waltham Forest 5, Tunbridge Wells 7.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Waltham Forest						
Dyett - L	4	15	24	14	3	4
Tunbridge Wells						
ward - W	5	4	5	2	4	10

UMP: Dormer.

Comets 5
Monarchs 3

Gripping game with a crucial play made when Comets got Monarch's McKerrel when stealing home on a passed ball with 2 out. WP Ian Burton (9 K's), LP Steve Gilbert.

Cambridge	010	200	0	3
Crawley	200	012	x	5

Monarchs 14
Comets 6

Comets paid dearly for a high number of errors. WP Hero Arima (7 K's), LP Kay Martin.

Cambridge	070	331	0	14
Crawley	000	002	4	6

Crusaders 23
Pirates 15

Two home runs by Crusaders' Dave Read. WP Matt Jennings, LP Dave Ward.

Witham	105	482	3	23
Croydon	000	906	0	15

Pirates 20
Crusaders 19

Witham's high error rate and determined batting by Pirates caused this turnaround (Crusaders' pitchers hit 4 batters in 6th!). WP Chris Gahan, LP Rob Heron.

Witham	702	451	19
Croydon	005	0,11,4	20

BBF SOUTH DIV 2
WEEK 6 - May 27

Mariners 48
Buccaneers 10

Home runs by both pitchers (2 by Cargo) - Chris Buckley of Bucs also homered. WP Mark Cargo (9 K's, 2 BB), LP Nick Warmink.

				R	H	E
Basildon	13,35	74,12	4	48	32	4
Croydon	630	001	0	10	7	14

Wanderers 25
Pirates 3

WP Shaun Ward(9 K's, 4 BB) LP Dave Ward (2 K's,14 BB).

Croydon	010	001	1	3 5 16
Tunbridge Wells	22,11	460	x	25 11 5

Monarchs 33
Judges 4

WP Steve Gilbert.

Cambridge	10,38	512	4	33
Chelmsford	001	021	0	4

Trailblazers 25
Angels 2

13 walks by the Angels in first inning blew the game. WP Simon Drinkwater, LP Tony D.

Waltham Forest	200	000	0	2
Totteridge	12,21	154	x	25

Crusaders 19
Sidewinders 5

A close ball game for 6 innings. Witham broke out in the 7th and 8th, started with a double by Holdsworth and a triple by Maynard. Heron tripled follwoed by the shot of the game, a solo homer by Duncan Wheeler in the 8th. For City Slick, Jeff Boot played well at third and Will Beglanepitched strong for the first 6 innings. WP Matt Jennings (8 K's, 0 BB), LP Will Beglane (8 K's, 3 BB).

				R	H	E
City Slick	300	000	011	5	11	3
Witham	210	022	66x	19	18	2

Comets 19
Bees 9

Ian Burton pitched well for the Comets, helped by three suicidal attempts to steal home by the Bees. Hits and errors column tell everything. WP Burton, LP MacLeod.

				R	H	E
Bournemouth	100	202	4	9	13	16
Crawley	823	600	x	19	9	6

BBF SOUTH DIV 2
WEEK 7 - June 3

Witham Crusaders
Tunbridge Wells

Both games rained off.

Monarchs 48
Mariners 10

GAME 1 - The Monarchs first shut out of the year came with no errors on defence. Steve Gilbert pitched an excellent game. WP Gilbert, LP Cargo.

Cambridge	401	212	4	15
Basildon	000	000	0	0

Monarchs 17
Mariners 1

GAME 2 - Rain shortened 5 inning game with just 1 error by theMonarchs. WP Arima, LP Simmons.

Cambridge	351	17	17
Basildon	001	00	1

Trailblazers 34
Comets 1

GAME 1 - WP Drinwater, LP Martin. GAME 2 was won by Totteridge on a forfeit.

Totteridge	370	613	14	34
Crawley	000	000	1	1

Sidewinders 26
Pirates 10

GAME 1 - WP Boote, LP Addley. GAME 2 was rained off.

City Slick	63,11	132		26
Croydon	150	004		10

Judges 13
Bees 8

GAME 1 - Strong pitching from Vince Warner was the main factor. Bees missed a triple play in the 3rd. WP Warner, LP Pitman.

				R	H	E
Chelmsford	332	300	2	13	13	5
Bournemouth	401	020	1	8	9	7

Judges 13
Bees 8

GAME 2 - Home runs by Warner and Smith quickly sealed the game for the Judges. WP Warner, LP Macleod.

				R	H	E
Chelmsford	381	8		20	13	3
Bournemouth	101	1		3	7	8

BBF SOUTH DIV 2
WEEK 8 - June 10

Pirates 6
Judges 4

GAME 1 - Chris Gahan's arm showed no signs of recent soreness as he gave up 2 earned runs in this win over the Judges. WP Gahan (17 K's), LP Warner (8 K's).

				R	H	E
Croydon	301	101	0	6	4	5
Chelmsford	101	010	1	4	6	3

Judges 25
Pirates 5

GAME 2 - Two homers by pitcher Phil Griggs and one by Clive Smith led the Judges over the Pirates. WP Griggs, LP Addeley.

			R	H	E
Croydon	000	203	5	5	15
Chelmsford	377	71x	27	17	5

Trailblazers 15
Wanderers 10

GAME 1 - High number of errors and walks lost it for the Wanderers. WP Cook, LP Gofton.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS	ab	r	h	bi	TOTTERIDGE	ab	r	h	bi
Neale lb	4	3	2	0	Garner 2b	2	1	0	1
Gofton p	5	2	4	5	Singer lf	5	2	2	1
Ward 2b	3	0	0	2	Winston rf	5	2	0	0
Avery cf	2	0	0	0	Jones cf	4	3	2	2
Jenner c	3	0	1	2	Truby c	3	2	1	0
Osborne lf	3	0	1	0	Saffadi 3b	5	1	2	2
Farrington ss	3	1	0	0	Routledge ss	1	1	0	1
Day rf	3	1	0	0	Cook c	3	2	2	2
Patterson 3b	0	3	0	0	Jude 1b	4	1	2	1
Totals	**26**	**10**	**8**	**9**		**32**	**15**	**11**	**10**

Tunbridge Wells	123	013	10
Totteridge	202	704	15

2B: Neale, Jones. **LOB:** Tunbridge Wells 12, Totteridge 9.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tunbridge Wells						
Gofton - L (1-3)	6	11	15	10	10	4
Totteridge						
Cook - W	6	8	10	9	14	2

Wanderers 5
Trailblazers 1

GAME 2 - WP Ward (16 K's), LP Drinkwater.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS	ab	r	h	bi	TOTTERIDGE	ab	r	h	bi
Day rf	4	0	1	0	Garner 2b	3	1	0	0
Gofton c	3	1	2	0	Breden lf	3	0	1	0
Osborne lf	4	1	1	0	Truby c	3	0	1	0
Avery cf	4	0	1	2	Jones cf	4	0	0	1
Jenner 2b	4	2	2	0	Drinkwater p	3	0	0	0
Neale 1b	3	0	1	1	Singleton ss	3	0	0	0
Ward p	4	0	1	1	Saffadi 3b	1	0	0	0
Farrington ss	3	1	2	0	Jude 1b	3	0	2	0
Patterson 3b	3	0	0	1	Barnes rf	3	0	1	0
Totals	**32**	**5**	**11**	**5**		**26**	**1**	**5**	**1**

Tunbridge Wells	200	110	1	5
Totteridge	001	000	0	1

E: Neale, Patterson 2, Jones, Barnes. **2B:** Avery. **3B:** Jenner. **LOB:** Tunbridge Wells 8, Totteridge 8.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tunbridge Wells						
Ward - W (6-0)	7	5	1	1	4	6
Totteridge						
Drinkwater - L	7	11	5	5	3	4

Crusaders 10
Bees 9

GAME 1 - Witham made errors at the start, Bournemouth at the end. WP Jennings, LP McLeod.

				R	H	E
Bournemouth	330	002	1	9	8	7
Totteridge	002	032	3	10	11	9

Crusaders 17
Bees 9

GAME 2 - The Bees hit regularly into Witham gloves. Crusader's rf Green made two outstanding throws to nail runners at the plate and shortstop Shaffein played tight. WP Holdsworth, LP McLeod.

				R	H	E
Bournemouth	410	002	2	9	11	8
Totteridge	451	115	x	17	7	3

Monarchs 14
Buccaneers 0

GAME 1 - WP Gilbert, LP Kings.

Southcoast	000	000	0	0
Cambridge	241	322	x	14

Monarchs 22
Buccaneers 3

GAME 2 - WP Arima, LP Warmink.

Southcoast	001	020	3
Cambridge	052	0,15x	22

Mariners 12
Sidewinders 10

GAME 1 - WP Cargo, LP Wilson.

Mariners 15
Sidewinders 12

GAME 2 - WP Simmonds, LP Beglane.

Comets 12
Angels 9

Crawley	080	003	1	12
Waltham Forest	010	123	2	9

Angels 17
Comets 15

GAME 2 - Grand Slam from Noel Amichi for the Angels, but this game is under protest by Crawley and is not included in league table results.

Crawley	201	514	2	15
Waltham Forest	094	121	x	17

BOX SCORES AND HOW TO READ THEM

Throughout BASEBALL UK you will find box scores of games played. If you've never seen one before, then you may be confused. This article is designed to help you fully understand box scores and the 'enriched' information they provide about a game.

At the top of the box, the visiting team is shown on the left, the home team on the right. The batting summary gives charged at-bats ('ab'), runs scored ('r'), basehits ('h') and RBI's ('bi') for each player, with each team's total below the players. The letters after the players' name indicates the fielding position at which they entered the game, with 'ph' for pinch-hitters and 'pr' for pinch-runners who didn't play in the field.

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'E:' shows fielding errors.
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'R' shows the number of runs allowed.
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'T' shows the time passed on the clock from the first pitch to the last out.
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Once you become an adept reader, it is possible, through Holmesian deduction, to 'see a lot' through the box score and from it, piece together practically the entire progress of the game.

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RESULTS-RESULTS-RESULTS-RESULTS-RESULTS

BBF SOUTH DIV 2
WEEK 9 - June 17

Pirates 20
Bees 7

WP Gahan, LP Bunnie.

				R	H	E
Bournemouth	160	000	0	7	1	1 0
Croydon	903	341	x	20	9	0

Wanderers 11
Buccaneers 8

Home runs by Marco Vetesse (Bucs) and Richard Gofton (Wanderers). WP Ward (14 K's, 4 BB's), LP Kewley (12 K's, 12 BB's).

TUNBRIDGE WELLS	ab	r	h	bi	SOUTHCOAST	ab	r	h	bi
Jenner rf	1	1	0	0	Keffet c	3	1	1	0
Day rf	1	2	0	0	Kewley p	4	1	1	0
Gofton c	4	3	2	3	Vettese 3b	4	1	1	1
Ward p	4	1	2	3	Agent cf	2	0	0	0
Avery cf	3	0	1	1	Green cf	3	2	2	0
Jenner 2b	6	0	1	1	Feldberg ss	5	3	4	3
Neale 1b	3	2	0	0	Carton 2b	5	0	2	1
Farrington ss	3	1	2	1	Mayer lf	4	0	2	0
Osborne lf	5	1	0	0	Steadman rf	3	0	0	0
Patterson 3b	3	0	0	0	McOwdow rf	3	0	0	0
					George 1b	4	0	0	0
Totals	33	11	8	9		40	8	13	5

Tunbridge Wells	150	001	220	11
Southcoast	012	000	302	8

E: Jenner 2, Patterson 2, Feldberg 2. **2B:** Farrington. **3B:** Ward. **HR:** Gofton, Vettesse. **LOB:** Tunbridge Wells 11, Southcoast 9.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tunbridge Wells						
Ward - W (7-0)	9	13	8	4	4	14
Totteridge						
Kewley - L	8.2	8	10	8	12	12
Feldberg	0.1	0	1	1	4	1

PB: Gofton 3, Keffet. **HBP:** McOwdow, Keffet (by Ward). **UMP:** Dormer

Comets 20
Mariners 13

WP Burton, LP Simmonds.

				R	H	E
Crawley	244	223	030	20		4
Basildon	150	015	001	13		11

Trailblazers 9
Judges 7

WP Drinkwater (11 K's, 4 BB), LP Warner (11 K's, 2 BB).

				R	H	E
Chelmsford	010	010	041	7	13	5
Totteridge	143	010	00x	9	16	3

Angels 28
Crusaders 17

3 home runs by Noel Amichi - including a grand slam - plus homers from Ayre and Marco Konishi led the Angels to a big win. WP Pickton.

Witham	006	324	2	17
Waltham Forest	100	968	4	28

Monarchs 27
Sidewinders 2

WP Gilbert.

				R	H	E
City Slick	000	002	0	2	4	11
Cambridge	198	568	x	27	24	

BBF SOUTH DIV 2
WEEK 10 - June 24

Wanderers 14
Sidewinders 7

GAME 1 - Shaun Ward hit a home run and struck out all three batters he faced in relief of winning pitcher Richard Gofton to give Tunbridge Wells a 14-7 win over City Slick.

CITY SLICK	ab	r	h	bi	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	ab	r	h	bi
R Ward lf	4	1	1	0	Day rf	3	2	1	0
Botte p-3b	3	0	1	2	Gofton p-2b	4	4	3	1
Wilson p-1b	1	1	0	1	S Ward 2b-p	4	2	2	3
Redgrove ss	2	2	0	0	Avery cf	3	3	0	0
Beglane3b-p	2	1	1	0	Jenner c	2	2	0	3
Blaine 2b	2	0	0	0	Neale 1b	3	1	1	0
Soproule c	1	1	0	0	Farrington ss	4	0	2	5
Puscus cf	3	0	1	0	Osborne lf	4	0	1	0
francis rf	3	1	1	1	Patterson 3b	1	0	0	0
Totals	21	7	5	4		28	14	10	12

City Slick	010	132	7
Tunbridge Wells	301	163	14

E: Jenner 2, Neale, Patterson, Wilson, Redgrove, Beglane 2, Puscus. **2B:** Gofton 2. **3B:** Botte. **HR:** S Ward. **LOB:** Tunbridge Wells 12, City Slick 3.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
City Slick						
Botte - L	5	9	11	11	9	2
Wilson	0.2	1	2	0	1	0
Beglane *	0	0	1	1	5	0
Tunbridge Wells						
Gofton - W (2-3)	5	5	7	4	6	7
S Ward - S (2)	1	0	0	0	0	03

PB: Sproule.
* Beglane pitched to 5 batters in bottom of 6th before City Slick conceded.

Wanderers 16
Sidewinders 15

GAME 2 - Four hits produced six runs in the bottom of the sixth to give Tunbridge a clean sweep of the two game series.

CITY SLICK	ab	r	h	bi	TUNBRIDGE WELLS	ab	r	h	bi
R Ward lf	4	2	2	2	Gill cf-rf	4	2	2	3
Botte 3b	5	2	1	1	Gofton c	4	3	2	2
Wilson 1b	5	1	1	1	S Ward p	2	3	0	4
Redgrove ss	1	2	0	0	Osborne lf	4	1	2	2
Beglane p	2	3	1	0	M Jenner 2b	3	1	1	2
Blaine 2b	2	2	1	1	Neale 1b	1	2	0	1
Sproule c	2	1	2	3	Farrington ss	2	1	0	0
Puscus cf	3	1	1	1	C Jenner rf	3	0	0	1
Francis rf	3	1	1	1	Avery cf	1	1	1	1
					Patterson 3b	2	2	0	0
Totals	27	15	10	10		26	16	8	16

City Slick	017	232	15
Tunbridge Wells	151	216	16

E: Patterson 2, S Ward, Gill, M Jenner, Neale, Blaine 2, Wilson, Redgrove, Francis. **2B:** Wilson. **3B:** Gofton. **HR:** Gofton, Jenner, Moto, Andy. **LOB:** Tunbridge Wells 7, City Slick 4.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
City Slick						
Beglane - L	6	8	16	12	9	5
Tunbridge Wells						
S ward - W (8-0)	6	10	15	10	10	5

HBP: Neale, Farrington (by Beglane). **PB:** Sproule. **Balk:** Ward.

Monarchs 23
Bees 2

GAME 1 - WP Gilbert.

Cambridge	624	434	0	23
Basildon	001	010	0	2

Monarchs 33
Bees 1

GAME 2 - WP Hero Arima, LP Ian MacLeod.

Cambridge	554	944	2	33
Basildon	001	000	0	1

Trailblazers 9
Mariners 5

GAME 1 - WP Cook (10 K's, 2 BB), LP Cargo (8 K's, 3 BB).

				R	H	E
Totteridge	215	100	0	9	10	1
Basildon	002	102	0	5	7	0

Trailblazers 11
Mariners 7

GAME 2 - WP Drinkwater (10 K's - walked none), LP Simmonds (4 K's, 2BB).

				R	H	E
Totteridge	124	012	1	11	14	2
Basildon	203	002	0	7	6	2

Angels 24
Pirates 9

GAME 1 - Gibson went 5 for 5 for the Angels. WP Millett, LP Ward.

				R	H	E
Waltham Forest	148	713		24	21	7
Croydon	130	131		9	7	14

Angels 18
Pirates 7

GAME 2 - WP Moto Konishi, LP Addley.

				R	H	E
Waltham Forest	630	251	1	18	8	4
Croydon	101	111	2	7	10	8

Judges 20
Comets 15

GAME 1 - WP Warner, LP Burton.

				R	H	E
Chelmsford	112	217	6	20	15	4
Crawley	010	10,31	0	15	7	11

Comets 10
Judges 6

GAME 2 - WP Jim Pearce - making his debut as pitcher, LP Griggs.

				R	H	E
Chelmsford	112	217	6	20	15	4
Crawley	010	10,31	0	15	7	11

Buccaneers 9
Crusaders 8

GAME 1 - WP Warmink, LP Jennings.

Witham	201	110	21	8
South Coast	110	030	22	9

Buccaneers 9
Crusaders 8

GAME 2 - WP Warmink, LP Read.

Witham	050	00	5
South Coast	2,15,212		22

BBF SOUTH DIV 2
WEEK 11 - July 1

Bees 9
Angels 8

Both games given to Angels on forfeit.

Trailblazers 14
Pirates 6

WP Drinkwater, LP Ward.

Croydon	033	000	0	6
Totteridge	013	343	x	14

Trailblazers 35
Pirates 5

WP Cook, LP Ferguson.

Croydon	211	100	5
Totteridge	331	14,14, x	35

Mariners 24
Crusaders 17

WP Cargo, LP Jennings.

Basildon	124	10,10	6	24
Witham	013	350	5	17

Mariners 21
Crusaders 17

WP Simmonds, LP Holdsworth.

Basildon	355	070	1	21
Witham	200	741	3	17

Sidewinders 16
Comets 11

Crawley	240	410		11
City Slick	328	201		16

Sidewinders 20
Comets 12

Crawley	631	000	2	12
City Slick	303	275	x	20

Judges 31
Buccaneers 3

WP Warner, LP Kings. HR by Erimmez

South Coast	012	00	3
Chelmsford	1,11,12	61	31

Buccaneers 10
Judges 4

WP Vettese, LP Griggs.

South Coast	102	303	1	10
Chelmsford	004	000	0	4

Monarchs 17
Wanderers 1

Top of the table clash, the Monarchs easily taking the first game behind the controlled four hit pitching of Steve Gilbert who also led the pffense with 3 hits and 3 rbi's. Second game was much closer, timely clutch hitting by Tunbridge and errors by Cambridge giving the Wanderers an 11-10 win.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS	ab	r	h	bi	CAMBRIDGE	ab	r	h	bi
Gill lf	4	0	2	0	Sh'leville ss	4	3	3	2
Gofton p-c	4	0	0	0	Barnes c	5	2	1	1
Ward 2b	3	0	0	0	Adams 1b	1	2	0	1
Avery cf	3	0	0	0	Arima cf	5	2	2	2
Farrington ss	2	0	0	0	Whitemore rf	4	3	1	2
Neale 1b	3	0	0	0	S Gilbert p	4	1	3	3
Jenner c-p	3	0	0	0	Matthews 2b	3	2	2	2
Day rf	3	1	1	0	M Gilbert 3b	3	1	1	0
Patterson 3b	3	0	1	1	Badman lf	1	1	0	0
Totals	28	1	4	1		30	17	13	13

Tunbridge Wells	001	000	0	1
Cambridge	507	410	x	17

E: Jenner , Ward, Patterson, Adams, S Gilbert. **2B:** Patterson, Sharleville, Whitemore, S Gilbert. **LOB:** Tunbridge Wells 7, Cambridge 7.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tunbridge Wells						
Gofton - L (2-4)	3	7	12	9	9	1
Jenner	3	5	5	4	2	1
Cambridge						
S Gilbert - W	7	4	1	1	2	10

PB: Gofton 2. **HBP:** Adams by Gofton.

Wanderers 11
Monarchs 10

TUNBRIDGE WELLS	ab	r	h	bi	CAMBRIDGE	ab	r	h	bi
Gill rf	4	1	2	0	Whitemorecf	3	2	1	0
Gofton c	5	3	1	0	Lopez ss	4	2	1	1
Ward p	3	3	3	2	Barnes c	3	1	3	2
Avery cf	4	2	1	2	Arima p-rf	5	0	2	4
Jenner 2b	5	2	2	2	McCarroll 1b	4	0	0	0
Neale 1b	5	0	2	1	Matthews 2b	4	0	1	0
Farrington ss	3	0	0	2	M Gilbert 3b	4	2	2	0
Osborne lf	4	0	0	0	Loeb rf	2	0	0	0
Patterson 3b	4	0	1	1	S Gilbert rf-p	2	0	0	0
					Sims lf	3	3	3	1
Totals	37	11	12	10		34	10	13	8

Tunbridge Wells	300	102	5	11
Cambridge	100	430	2	10

E: Jenner , Lopez 3, M Gilbert 2, Sims 2. **2B:** Jenner, Whitemore, Barnes, Arima. **LOB:** Tunbridge Wells 14, Cambridge 9.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tunbridge Wells						
Ward - W (9-0)	7	13	10	8	5	8
Cambridge						
Arima - L	6.1	12	10	8	6	7
S Gilbert	0.2	0	1	0	2	1

PB: Barnes. **HBP:** Barnes by Ward

BBF SOUTH DIV 2
WEEK 12 - July 8

Judges 25
Crusaders 20

Neither team had decent pitching on the day, resulting in a high scoring hitters game. WP Griggs, LP Jennings.

Basildon	355	070	1	21
Witham	200	741	3	17

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Mariners 16
Bees 4

Neither team had decent pitching on the day, resulting in a high scoring hitters game. WP Griggs, LP Jennings.

Basildon	355	070	1	21
Witham	200	741	3	17

Sidewinders 26
Angels 16

Highlight of the game was an enormous home run from Angels pitcher Konichi.. WP Wilson, LP Konichi.

Waltham Forest	621	202	3	16
City SLick	741	122	9	26

Buccaneers 23
Pirates 13

WP Warmink (2 K's, 9BB), LP Ferguson (5 K's, 7 BB).

				R	H	E
South Coast	900	004	19	23	14	6
Croydon	041	310	31	13	11	6

Monarchs 16
Trailblazers 4

Top of the table clash resulting in an emphatic win for the Monarchs. Even though hit in the face by a hit ball, Monarchs pitcher Steve Gilbert maintained his excellent control, walking just 2. WP Gilbert (8 K's, 2BB), LP Drinkwater.

				R	H	E
Totteridge	000	021	0	3	4	5
Cambridge	101	874	x	21	16	3

Wanderers 16
Comets 8

Despite a poor fielding performance in which only one Crawley run was earned, Tunbridge Wells came out 16-8 winners. Poor control by their pitchers (15 BB's) didn't help the Comets.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS	ab	r	h	bi	CRAWLEY	ab	r	h	bi
Gill cf	4	2	0	0	Ifield cf	4	1	2	0
Gofton c	3	5	2	0	Harper cf	2	0	0	0
Ward p-2b	3	3	1	2	Jn Pearce ss	5	0	0	0
Avery3b	3	1	0	1	Wolland rf	4	1	1	1
Jenner 2b-p	4	1	2	5	J Pearce p-c	4	3	2	0
Neale 1b	3	2	1	1	Burton c-p-lf	4	2	2	1
Farrington ss	5	1	2	1	Kolstone 2b	4	1	0	1
Osborne lf	3	1	1	2	Thomas lf-p	3	0	0	2
Day rf	2	0	0	0	Willey 3b	4	0	1	0
Patterson rf	2	0	0	0	Hutson 1b	4	0	1	0
Totals	33	16	9	12		38	8	9	5

Tunbridge Wells	000	442	033	16
Crawley	100	020	203	8

E: Farrington 3, Neale, Jenner, Avery, Ward, Jn Pearce, Willey. **DP:** Crawley 2. **LOB:** Crawly 9, Tunbridge Wells 8. **2B:** Jenner, Wolland.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tunbridge Wells						
Ward - W (10-0)	8	9	5	1	4	12
Jenner - S (1)	1	0	3	0	0	0
Crawley						
J Pearce - L	6	6	10	9	10	2
Burton	2.2	3	6	4	5	3
Thomas	0.1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP: Willey, Thomas (by Ward), Gofton (by Pearce), Osborne (by Burton).

BBF SOUTH DIV 2 WEEK 13 - July 15

Monarchs 33
Angels 8

WP Gilbert, LP Konichi.

				R	H	E
Cambridge	672	41,13		33	22	2
Waltham Forest	100	016		8	14	7

Mariners 24
Pirates 15

Home runs from Cargo and Blake for the Mariners, the latter being a Grand Slam. WP Cargo, LP Ward.

				R	H	E
Croydon	012	435	000	15	13	7
Basildon	160	471	50x	24	20	5

Judges 13
Sidewinders 12

Poor fielding by the Sidewinders in the bottom of the first, but errors by the Judges let them back in. Will Beglane pitched for City Slick in the bottom of the ninth only to have Devon Arkell homer off him for the game winning run. WP Warner (9 K's, 9BB), LP Wilson (8K's, 9BB).

City Slick	300	032	004	12
Chelmsford	702	000	121	13

Comets 19
Buccaneers 5

WP Pearce (5K's, 6BB), LP Kings (1K's, 2BB).

South Coast	002	021	0	5	6	3
Croydon	132	085	x	19	17	5

Wanderers 9
Bees 0

Tunbridge Wells win by forfeit.

Trailblazers 15
Crusaders 7

Home runs by Hassain for the Crusaders and Truby for the 'Blazers. WP Drinkwater (11K's, 4BB), LP Jennings (4K's, 10BB).

Witham	000	025	000	7
Totteridge	151	012	41x	15

BBFS DIV 2 TABLE

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Cambridge Monarchs	17	2	0.895
Tunbridge Wells Wanderers	13	4	0.765
Totteridge Trailblazers	14	5	0.737
Basildon Mariners	11	8	0.579
Chelmsford Judges	11	8	0.579
Waltham Forest Angels	7	10	0.412
Southcoast Buccaneers	7	10	0.412
Crawley Comets	7	12	0.368
Witham Crusaders	6	11	0.353
City Slick Sidewinders	6	12	0.333
Bournemouth Bees	6	13	0.316
Croydon Pirates	4	14	0.222

BBF SOUTH DIV 3 NORTH

WEEK 5 MAY 20

Braintree	15	High Wycombe	19
Hemel Hemp	24	Wokingham	13
Bushy	2	Milton Keynes	39
Reading II	25	Hoddesdon	9

WEEK 6 - MAY 27

Milton Keynes	26	Reading II	2
Milton Keynes	15	Reading II	2
Hoddesdon	16	Bushy	15
High Wycombe	22	Hemel Red Sox	15

WEEK 7 - JUNE 3

Milton Keynes	8	Hoddesdon	5
Braintree	24	Hemel Red Sox	11
High Wycombe	53	Wokingham	8

WEEK 8 - JUNE 10

Braintree	16	Wokingham	15
Braintree	13	Wokingham	14
Hemel Red Sox	18	High Wycombe	1
Hemel Red Sox	8	High Wycombe	7
Bushy	22	Hoddesdon	15
Bushy	29	Hoddesdon	15
Reading II	4	Milton Keynes	28

WEEK 9 - JUNE 17

Milton Keynes	11	Bushy	7
Milton Keynes	45	Bushy	4
Wokingham	7	Hemel Red Sox	25
Wokingham	23	Hemel Red Sox	34

WEEK 10 - JUNE 24

Braintree	6	Milton Keynes	40
Hemel Red Sox	9	Hoddesdon (forfeit)	0
High Wycombe	33	Bushey	16
Wokingham	7	Reading II	31

WEEK 11 - JULY 1

Milton Keynes	17	Hemel Red Sox	7
Hoddesdon	17	Braintree	12

WEEK 12 - JULY 8

Hoddesdon	0	Milton Keynes	9
Hemel Red Sox	0	Braintree	0
Wokingham	2	High Wycombe	40

WEEK 13 - JULY 15

Braintree	17	Bushy	16
Braintree	14	Bushy	13
Hemel Red Sox	9	Reading II	0
Hemel Red Sox	9	Reading II	0
High Wycombe	6	Milton Keynes	23
High Wycombe	14	Milton Keynes	17

BBFS DIV 3 NORTH TABLE

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Milton Keynes Rockets	15	1	0.937
Hemel Red Sox	12	4	0.750
High Wycombe Alleycatz	9	4	0.692
Braintree Rays	6	7	0.461
Reading II	4	7	0.363
Wokingham	3	9	0.250
Hoddesdon Sharks	3	9	0.250
Bushey Bulldogs	3	10	0.230

BBF SOUTH DIV 3 SOUTH

WEEK 5 - MAY 20

Burgess Hill	18	Gillingham	1
Hounslow	9	Westcliff	0
Sidcup	15	Solent	32
Tonbridge	9	Sutton II	0

WEEK 6 - MAY 27

Solent	7	Tonbridge	18
Sutton II	45	Sidcup	8
Gillingham	9	Hounslow	19
Westcliff	20	Burgess Hill	31

WEEK 7 - JUNE 3

Burgess Hill	17	Hounslow	11
Sidcup	18	Tonbridge	7

WEEK 8 - JUNE 10

Burgess Hill	34	Westcliff	14
Burgess Hill	15	Westcliff	3
Hounslow	16	Gillingham	10
Hounslow	16	Gillingham	6
Sidcup	13	Sutton II	25
Sidcup	12	Sutton II	2
Tonbridge	11	Solent	14
Tonbridge	11	Solent	15

WEEK 9 - JUNE 17

Solent	15	Sidcup	9
Solent	11	Sidcup	12
Sutton II	11	Tonbridge	20
Sutton II	12	Tonbridge	19
Gillingham	8	Burgess Hill	13
Gillingham	3	Burgess Hill	6
Westcliff	5	Hounslow	20
Westcliff	6	Hounslow	10

WEEK 10 - JUNE 24

Burgess Hill	20	Solent	19
Hounslow	9	Sutton II (forfeit)	0
Gillingham	2	Sidcup	8
Westcliff	6	Tonbridge	29

WEEK 11- JULY 1

Solent	18	Hounslow	13
Sutton II	3	Burgess Hill	17
Sidcup	9	Westcliff	0
Tonbridge	27	Gillingham	9

WEEK 12 - JULY 8

Sutton II	10	Solent	20
Hounslow	21	Burgess Hill	20
Tonbridge	55	Sidcup	19
Westcliff	14	Gillingham	26

WEEK 13 - JULY 15

Burgess Hill	49	Sidcup	8
Burgess Hill	28	Sidcup	3
Hounslow	18	Tonbridge	13
Hounslow	19	Tonbridge	10
Gillingham	9	Solent	0
Gillingham	22	Solent	11
Westcliff	0	Sutton II	9
Westcliff	0	Sutton II	9

BBFS DIV3 SOUTH TABLE

	Won	Lost	Pct.
Burgess Hill Red Hats	12	3	0.800
Hounslow Rangers	12	3	0.800
Sutton Braves II	8	6	0.571
Solent Renegades	7	6	0.538
Tonbridge Bobcats	8	7	0.533
Gillingham Dodgers	4	10	0.285
Sidcup Tamber Eagles	4	10	0.285
Westcliff Wildcats	1	12	0.076

BBF KNOCK-OUT CUP 2ND ROUND

Pirates 3
Tigers 2

R Evers hit a 2-run homer in the second inning and J Byng batted in shortstop Williams in the top of the sixth to give the Nottingham Pirates a hard fought 3-2 win over the previously undefeated Liverpool Tigers.

A misunderstanding by the Tigers cost them the win when in the bottom of the ninth with two men on and just one out, they created an easy double play for the Pirates. Losing pitcher Alger struck out 8 and walked 3 in 9 innings, Bullock took the win for the Pirates.

NOTTINGHAM	ab	r	h	bi	LIVERPOOL	ab	r	h	bi
Williams ss	3	1	1	0	Smith 2b	3	1	0	0
Gaunt c	4	0	0	0	D King c	4	0	2	0
Byng 3b	3	0	2	1	H King 3b	3	0	1	0
Bullock p	4	0	0	0	Morrison cf	4	0	0	0
Woodcock cf	3	1	0	0	Bretherton ss	2	1	0	0
Evers 1b	4	1	1	2	Roper 1b	4	0	0	0
Stanley lf	4	0	1	0	Horita lf	3	0	0	0
Stowe 2b	4	0	1	0	Alger p	4	0	2	1
Burrows rf	2	0	0	0	Chadwick rf	1	0	0	0
Grant rf	1	0	0	0	Taylor rf	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	3	6	3		31	2	5	1

Nottingham	020	001	000	3
Liverpool	001	100	000	2

E: Gaunt, Stowe, Alger. **DP:** Pirates 1. **LOB:** Pirates 5, Tigers 8. **2B:** Stanley, D King, Alger. **HR:** Evers. **SB:** Williams, D King. **Caught stealing:** Williams, Stowe, Smith. **Struck Out:** (Pirates) - Williams, Bullock, Woodcock, Evers, Stanley, Stowe, Burrows (2); (Tigers) - D King, Morrison, Roper, Horita, Taylor.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Nottingham						
Bullock - W	9	5	2	0	6	5
Liverpool						
Alger - L	9	6	3	3	3	8

UMP: Brito-Coll, Roddick. **T:** 2:55

OTHER RESULTS

Crawley forfeit to	**Enfield**		
Totteridge	7	**Reading**	22
Barnes forfeit to	**Crawley**		
Arun	7	**Cambridge**	8
Hull Mets	**11**	Kirkcaldy	0
Sheffield	**29**	Barnsley	7
Liverpool	2	**Nottingham**	3

Southglade v Birmingham - late.

BBF KNOCK-OUT CUP QTR FINAL DRAW

Sheffield	v Crawley
Hull Mets	v Enfield
Nottingham	v Reading
Southglade/ Birmingham	v Cambridge

GB TEAM V MENWITH HILL

UK All-Stars 21
Menwith Hill 4

The opening of the first baseball centre of excellence at East Mount Hull was christened with an invitational game between a UK (GB) All-Stars team and Menwith Hill airforce base. Lack of Menwith pitching gave GB an easy win. Thurston pitched well and took the win.

MENWITH HILL	ab	r	h	bi
Gaffney cf	4	0	0	0
Schaible c	3	0	0	0
Chrispen lf	2	1	0	0
Broadwick 3b	2	2	1	0
Kern 2b	2	1	0	1
McAvoy p-ss	2	0	1	1
Murrey rf	2	0	0	1
Pellegrin ss	1	0	0	0
Wasielak p	2	0	0	0
Vanzo 1b	2	0	0	1
Totals	**22**	**4**	**2**	**4**

UK ALL-STARS	ab	r	h	bi
Bloomfld ss	4	4	2	2
Simmons 2b	2	3	1	1
Morrison rf	5	2	2	3
Parker 2b	2	2	1	2
Thurston p	1	2	0	0
Frndz Lcy p	1	0	0	0
Gaunt c	3	3	2	5
Smith ss	1	0	0	0
Williams cf	3	2	2	2
Abbott 3b	3	0	1	2
Ball lf	0	1	0	0
Sewell lf-3b	1	2	0	1
Godsall p	0	0	0	0
	26	**21**	**11**	**18**

Menwith Hill	000	103	0	4
UK All Stars	082	713	x	21

E: McAvoy (2), Bloomfield, Simmons, Vanzo. **LOB:** Menwith Hill 7, UK All Stars 9. **2B:** Bloomfield, Morrison, Gaunt, Abbott. **3B:** Broadwich, Williams. **SB:** Bloomfield (2), Gaffney, Schaible, McAvoy, Murrey, Vanzo, Parker, Sewell. **S:** Abbott. **SF:** Kern, PArker, Sewell

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Menwith Hill						
McAvoy - L	3	5	10	10	11	1
Wasielak	3	6	11	6	8	2
UK All Stars						
Thurston - W	4.2	2	1	1	3	4
Fernandez-Lacey	1.1	0	3	3	5	2
Godsall	1	0	0	0	0	2

WP: McAvoy (2), Wasielak. **HBP:** Schaible (by Godsall). **PB:** Schaible, Bloomfield. **UMP:** Mortimer, Thesingh, Varnham **T:** 2:30

UK All-Stars 11
Menwith Hill 0

JULY 15 1990 - Once again the GB team took on Menwith Hill, this time at the National Garden Festival at Gateshead.

New pitcher Simon Bowden of the Waltham Abbey Arrows combined with Martin Godsall and Brian Thurston to stifle the American bats allowing only two hits.

GB players Steve Sewell and John Morrison both had two hits and Steve Smith hit a home run in the sixth that just crept over the centre field fence. No errors in the field with first baseman Frank Parker making an unasisited double play at first when he hauled down a line drive and stepped on the bag.

MENWITH HILL	ab	r	h	bi
Schaible c	3	0	0	0
Kern 2b	2	0	0	0
Vanzo 1b	2	0	1	0
Wasielak p	2	0	0	0
Luscomb p	1	0	0	0
Chrispen 3b	3	0	0	0
Pellegrin ss	2	0	0	0
Johnson cf	2	0	1	0
Murrey rf	2	0	0	0
Gaffney lf	2	0	0	0
Totals	**21**	**0**	**2**	**0**

UK ALL-STARS	ab	r	h	bi
Sewell 2b	4	1	2	1
Williams rf	1	1	0	0
Thurstondh-p1	2	0	0	
Parker 1b	3	1	1	3
Sewell lf	3	1	1	2
Morrison cf	3	1	2	1
Marcelino 3b	4	0	0	0
Smith ss	4	2	1	2
Gaunt c	3	2	0	0
Bowden p	0	0	0	0
Godsall p	0	0	0	0
	26	**11**	**7**	**9**

Menwith Hill	000	000	0	0
UK All Stars	251	012	x	11

E: Kern (2), Vanzo, Wasielak, Chrispen, Murrey. **DP:** Great Britain - 1. **LOB:** Menwith Hill 2, UK All Stars 7. **HR:** Smith. **SB:** Thurston (2), Gaunt (2), Johnson, Sewell, Williams. **SF:** Parker.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Menwith Hill						
Wasielak - L	5	6	9	1	7	0
Luscomb	1	1	2	2	1	1
UK All Stars						
Bowden - W	3	1	0	0	1	3
Godsall	3	1	0	0	1	5
Thurston	1	0	0	0	0	2

WP: Wasielak. **HBP:** Williams (by Wasielak). **PB:** Schaible. **UMP:** Mortimer, Thesingh, Hope **T:** 1:54

Sliding at Hull UK AllStars v Menwith Hill

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NEW PLAYERS START HERE: 1

What Glove and Why? BY DICK LANE

The fielders glove. Everyone that plays baseball has one as it really would present a problem to the nonconformist not to. That little white ball can be hit really hard (and often is) and without the use of a baseball glove the reality of playing defence would be very dim. Also the game itself is a difficult one to play well and requires a lot of practice - without a glove the old bare hand wouldn't last very long.

Accurate and hard throwing is one of the most important elements of fielding and during practice a great deal of time is devoted to this. Even when gloves are worn, the catching hand develops bruises on the palm, not because of the speed of one or two throws but because of the continual shocks of many thrown balls, "hot" grounders and line drives off the bat.

There is a large selection of gloves available these days in many different styles, shapes and sizes. Where to start? Try size; how about 11 1/4,11 1/2 or a 12 inch. Big hand? You can go to 12 3/4 or 13 inch. What about material? Steerhide, cowhide, nylon mesh or premium leather. Or maybe you would just like deer soft or pigskin lining with bruise guard padding. There are infielders, outfielders, first base and catchers gloves. You can even pick your favourite color in some cases.

Alright lets break it down a bit. First the catchers glove. These all come heavily padded to suit the need of receiving pitches thrown hard in constant succession. Two styles are generally used, a single or a double hinge in the outer padding. A strong hand being needed to handle the double hinge as there is less support for the thumb. The durability and quality of the glove is soon tested as the wear and tear of this position takes it toll.

Another speciality glove is the first baseman's, as this position requires scooping the ball from the dirt and often the player is reaching to his physical limit. Because of this the firstbaseman's glove is the longest of all gloves. This glove is not allowed to be used at any other position on the field.

The infielders glove must be sturdy. No flip flops here as it will be required to pick up some hard hit balls often while the player is extended. This glove should be snug fitting and not large as the fielder will very often be required to catch and throw the ball as quickly as possible. Too large a glove or one that has too deep a pocket will make it difficult for the fielder to at times "find" or "get a handle on" the ball.

Playing the outfield means covering a lot of ground at times and a long glove here offers an advantage for the average outfielder. The rule limit here allows up to 13 inches in length and is often used.

In the major leagues where gloves are often made to order for players, many pitchers use a model of their favourite glove built with specially wide fingers to help hide the ball during pitch delivery. These personal aspects carry over on many levels.

The personal care and attention paid to a glove often reveals something about the character and style of the owner and even more often their play. A shortstop using a glove that is too big will often be the chap who seems to pick them up all right but usually needs to double pump or drops the ball as he tries to transfer the ball from glove to hand while and setting his feet. Reason? The glove is deep and there is a lot of room for the ball. When the hand goes to get it there is more than one place for it to be so he sometimes misses and sometimes gets it. Small item? Maybe, but in the bottom of the seventh with two out and bases loaded your team and you need the ball not an excuse.

INFIELDERS GLOVE

CATCHERS MITT

FIRST BASEMANS GLOVE

The four main parts of the glove are the pocket, heel, webbing and back. When you buy a new glove you get all of these together but as time passes the significance of the pocket its development by the user determine whether the glove will become an object of beauty or just a glove.

As far as the back goes you have the choice of conventional, lock-back, nylon mesh and closed back. They are all good and personal preference plays a big part in selection. The heel of most gloves is the same, the exceptions being the first baseman's which has a very small one to facilitate the scooping and handling of wide throws and the catcher's glove which has the largest to help with blocking pitches wide or in the dirt.

The webbing comes in many styles such as threepiece semi-closed web, double bar open web, single bar open web or even the classic one piece closed web which can also be had in the "checkmate" version. They are all good. Generally infielders often use closed webbing on a short glove. Catchers usually select closed webbing for strength and rigidity. The firstbasemans glove is often open webbed as is the outfielders, this offering more flexibility .

But when you get to the pocket of a particular glove you see the care and style of the owner. A good glove has a well developed pocket. Directly at the base of the webbing on the inside palm is were the ball will go everytime if a well developed pocket is formed. This can only be achieved through diligent, relaxed effort on a regular basis. A labor of love. When you by a new glove it lacks only two things - 1 conditioning, 2 shape. If you want it to fit like a glove use a conditioner. An excellent one is produced by Louisville Slugger and readilly available. It is appropriately named "Baseball glove conditioner". This product when used will soften the leather and enrich its quality. To achieve excellent shape the glove must be worn at times when not playing. A good time is while watching TV. Simply sit and throw a baseball into the pocket over and over again. At night leave the baseball in the pocket and put the glove under a mattress or anything that will help form your glove's pocket. Over a few months you'll find you have developed an old friend that will offer you years and years of faithfull service.

If and when you buy a new glove, never attempt to soften or quick mold it by a method that is not specifically recommended by the manufacturer. An old wives tale may easily damage the leather.

If you are thinking about buying a glove for the first time remember, you will most likley have it for a long time so take your time try a few on. If you can, buy a good one. It will last and always remain desirable because of its quality. Gloves can be had from £12.00 to £150.00 or more. There is a large range. Try to avoid non leather. They are well suited to the short term but short could be as quick as a few weeks.

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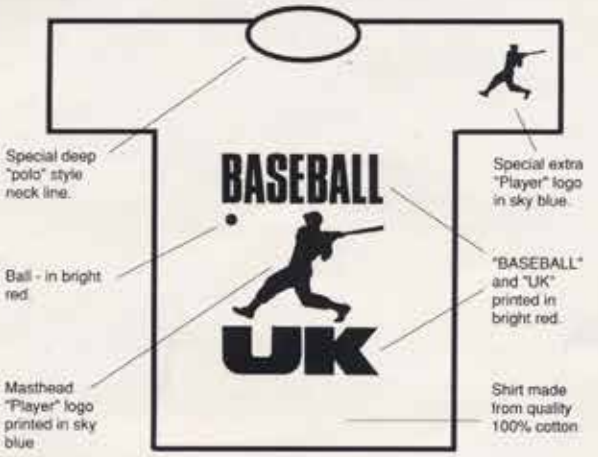

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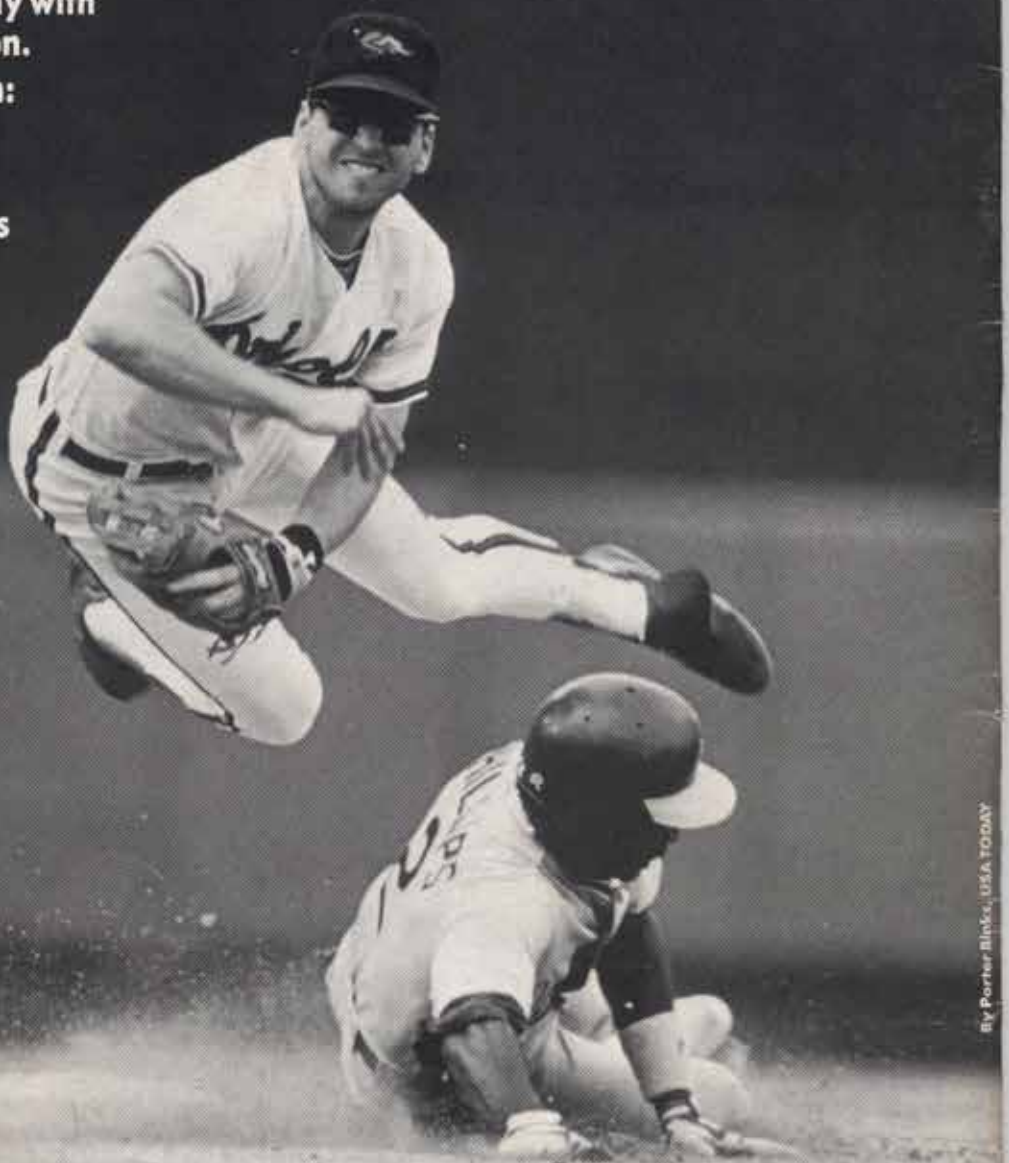

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