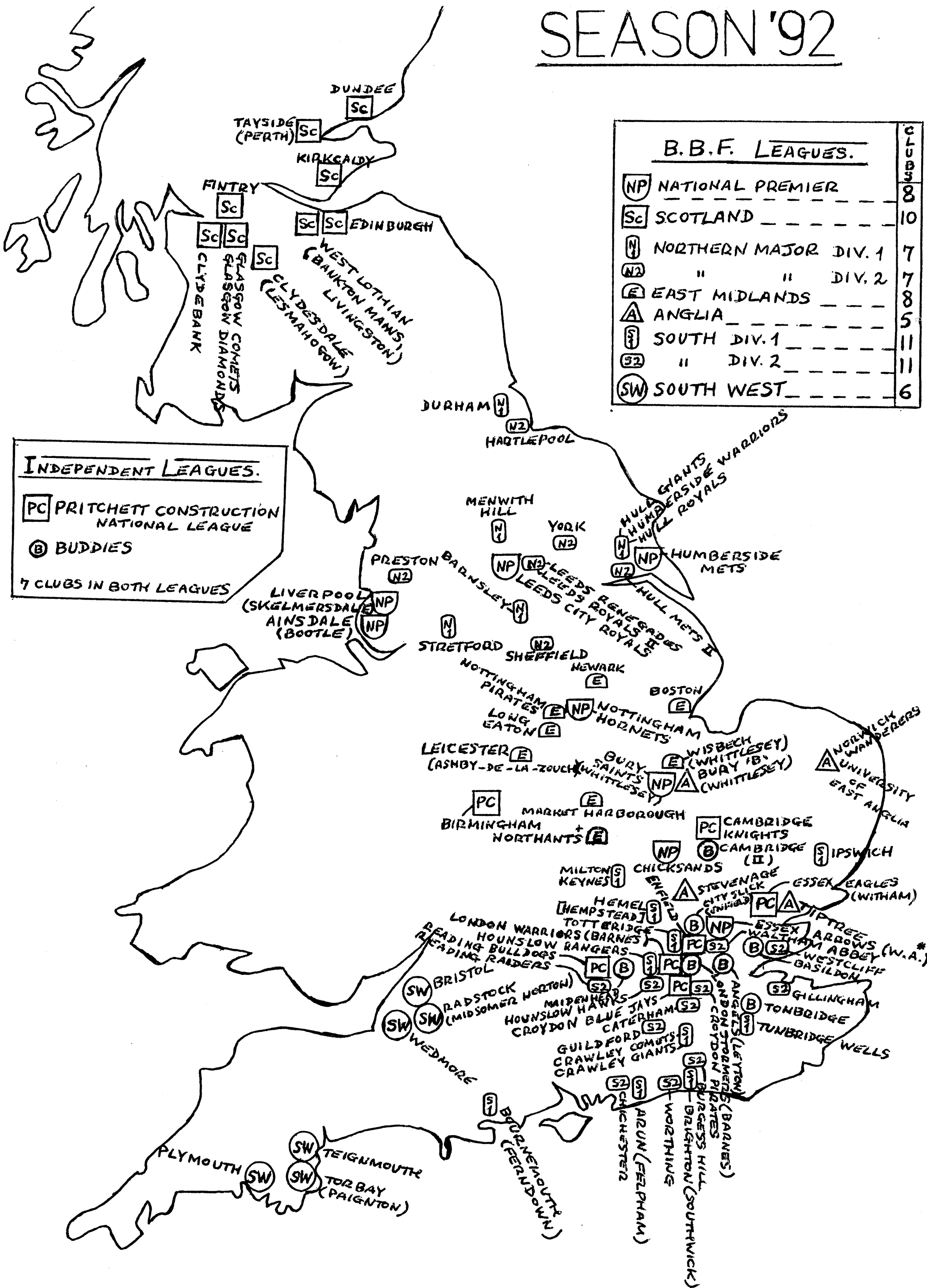


SEASON '92



B.B.F. LEAGUES.		CLUBS
(NP)	NATIONAL PREMIER	8
(Sc)	SCOTLAND	10
(N1)	NORTHERN MAJOR DIV. 1	7
(N2)	" " DIV. 2	7
(E)	EAST MIDLANDS	8
(A)	ANGLIA	5
(S1)	SOUTH DIV. 1	11
(S2)	" DIV. 2	11
(SW)	SOUTH WEST	6

INDEPENDENT LEAGUES.

(PC) PRITCHETT CONSTRUCTION NATIONAL LEAGUE

(B) BUDDIES

7 CLUBS IN BOTH LEAGUES

NOTES: CLUB LOCATIONS IN BRACKETS WHERE DIFFERENT FROM CLUB NAME.
 *(W.A.) = WALTHAM ABBEY.
 + NORTHANTS (NORTHAMPTON).

BRITISH BASEBALL PAST & PRESENT.

TOURS BY U.S. MAJOR LEAGUE TEAMS.

YEAR(S)

1874

● BOSTON RED STOCKINGS AND PHILADELPHIA ATHLETICS PLAY 14 GAMES IN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND. BOSTON WIN 8 GAMES.

1889

● CHICAGO WHITE STOCKINGS N.L. (NOW CUBS) AND "ALL AMERICAS" (OTHER M.L. CLUBS) PLAY 11 GAMES IN ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, AND IRELAND.

1914

● NEW YORK GIANTS N.L. AND CHICAGO WHITE SOX A.L. TOUR.

BRITISH LEAGUES (AND CHAMPION TEAMS.)

1890

● NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL CLUBS; (ASTON VILLA); OTHER TEAMS PRESTON NORTH END AND STOKE, ALL CONNECTED WITH SOCCER CLUBS, ALSO DERBY, THE FIRST TRUE BASEBALL CLUB IN BRITAIN. LEAGUE LASTS JUST ONE SEASON.

1891

● NO ORGANIZED COMPETITION.

1892—1900

● AMATEUR LEAGUES IN LONDON, MIDLANDS, TEESSIDE AND TYNESIDE NATIONAL CHAMPIONS; (1892 MIDDLESBOROUGH), (1893-4 THE SPIANS LONDON), (1895/7/9 DERBY), (1896 WALLSEND-ON-TYNE), (1900 NOTTINGHAM FOREST), (1898? OTHER CLUBS INCLUDED ST. AUGUSTINE'S DARLINGTON, STOCKTON-ON-TEES, FULLER'S LONDON, REMINGTON'S LONDON, ST. THOMAS'S DERBY.

1901—1905

● NO REPORTED ACTIVITY.

1906—1911

● LONDON LEAGUE FORMED IN ALLIANCE WITH SOCCER CLUBS; (1906/8 TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR), (1907/9 CLAPTON ORIENT), (1910 BRENTFORD), (1911 LEYTON OTHER KNOWN TEAMS WERE CRYSTAL PALACE, FULHAM, NONDESCRIPTS(?), WEST HAM AND WOOLWICH ARSENAL. STATUS—AMATEUR OR PROFESSIONAL—UNCERTAIN

1912—1921

● LITTLE ACTIVITY. PLAY STARTS AT CHIPPING NORTON, OXFORDSHIRE, AND LASTS UNTIL LATE 1950'S.

1922—1924

● LEAGUE OF AMERICAN AND CANADIAN TEAMS PLAYED AT STAMFORD BRIDGE, HOME GROUND OF CHELSEA FOOTBALL CLUB.

1925

● LONDON AMERICANS PLAY CHALLENGE GAMES AT STAMFORD BRIDGE AGAINST TEAMS OF VISITING AMERICANS AND OTHERS.

1926—1932

● LITTLE ACTIVITY.

1933—1934

● AMATEUR LEAGUE FORMED IN LIVERPOOL AREA WITH 18 CLUBS IN TWO DIVISIONS

1935—1939

● FURTHER AMATEUR LEAGUES FORMED IN MANCHESTER, YORKSHIRE, BIRMINGHAM, LONDON, AND SOUTH WALES AREAS; ALSO FIVE PROFESSIONAL LEAGUES PLAYING IN GREYHOUND RACING STADIUMS, OF WHICH ONLY ONE LEAGUE SURVIVED UNTIL 1939. NATIONAL CHAMPIONS: (1935 NEW LONDON, CATFORD) (1936 WHITE CITY, LONDON), (1937 HULL), (1938 ROCHDALE), (1939 HALIFAX). MANY OF THE CLUBS' PLAYERS WERE CANADIANS WHO ALSO PLAYED PROFESSIONAL ICE HOCKEY FOR BRITISH TEAMS IN THE WINTER MONTHS.

1940—1945

● LEAGUES CLOSE DOWN FOR DURATION OF SECOND WORLD WAR. AMERICAN FORCES LEAGUE STAGED GAMES AT EVERTON FOOTBALL CLUB IN LATER YEARS OF WAR.

c.1946

● AMATEUR LEAGUES START UP IN LIVERPOOL, MANCHESTER, HULL, NOTTINGHAM, BIRMINGHAM AND LONDON AREAS.

EARLY 1960'S

● BIRMINGHAM AREA LEAGUE DISBANDS.

c.1964

● NATIONAL BASEBALL LEAGUE FORMED, BUT CLUBS IN LONDON AND THE SOUTH REFUSE TO JOIN BECAUSE OF RIFT WITH RULING BODY OF BRITISH BASEBALL. STRETFORD SAINTS, MANCHESTER, WON THE NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR THE FIRST THREE SEASONS. THE LEAGUE RAN FOR AT LEAST FOUR YEARS BEFORE BEING DISBANDED.

1976

● FLOODLIT LEAGUE AT ROSSLYN PARK RUGBY GROUND LASTS FOR JUST ONE SEASON DUE TO POOR SPECTATOR SUPPORT.

1985

● NORTHERN LEAGUE FORMED IN NEWCASTLE AND SUNDERLAND AREAS.

1986

● FIRST SCOTTISH CLUB FORMED, THE EDINBURGH COBRAS.

1987—1989

● THE SCOTTISH AMICABLE NATIONAL LEAGUE CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVE TEAMS OF THE AREA LEAGUES, PLAYING IN STADIUMS WITH PAID ADMISSION, RUNS FOR THREE SEASONS BEFORE DISBANDING DUE TO FAILURE TO OBTAIN A NEW SPONSOR. (1987 LANCASHIRE RED SOX, PRESTON), (1988 LONDON WARRIORS, RICHMOND), (1989 SOUTHERN TIGERS, RICHMOND).

c.1988

● NORTHERN LEAGUE DISBANDS.

1988

● YORKSHIRE LEAGUE FORMED.

c.1989

● SCOTTISH LEAGUE FORMED.

c.1990

● SOUTH WEST LEAGUE FORMED OPERATING IN THE WEST COUNTRY.

1991

● B.B.F. NATIONAL LEAGUE FORMED CONSISTING OF 8 LEADING CLUBS IN ENGLAND. EAST ANGLIAN AND WEST MIDLANDS LEAGUES FORMED; ALSO A

NEW COMPETITION — THE NORTHERN MAJOR LEAGUE — COMBINES HULL, YORKSHIRE AND EX-NORTHERN LEAGUES' CLUBS IN A 13 TEAM LEAGUE.

1992 ● DISPUTE RESULTS IN 3 SOUTHERN CLUBS RESIGNING FROM THE B.B.F. NATIONAL LEAGUE AND JOINING WITH 4 CLUBS FROM THE AREA LEAGUES IN A RIVAL NATIONAL LEAGUE SPONSORED BY PRYCHETT CONSTRUCTION; A FURTHER 7 CLUBS WITHDRAW FROM THE B.B.F. AND FORM AN ASSOCIATED COMPETITION THE BUDDIES LEAGUE. THE RENAMED B.B.F. NATIONAL PREMIER LEAGUE CONTINUES WITH REPLACEMENT TEAMS PROMOTED FROM THE AREA LEAGUES. IN A FURTHER DEVELOPMENT THE B.B.F. NORTH WEST LEAGUE [LANCASHIRE AREA] CLUBS JOIN THE NORTHERN MAJOR LEAGUE.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONS (SINCE 1948)

LIVERPOOL ROBINS 1948	BURTONWOOD YANKS 1973
HORNSEY RED SOX 1949	NOTTINGHAM LIONS 1974
BURTONWOOD USAF BEES 1950/1	LIVERPOOL TROJANS 1976/8, 1980
THAMES BOARD MILLS, PURFLEET 1959/60	GOLDERS GREEN SOX 1977/9
+ LIVERPOOL TIGERS 1962	LONDON WARRIORS 1981/2
● EAST HULL ACES 1963	COBHAM YANKEES 1983/6/7/8
● KINGSTON ACES, HULL 1965	ENFIELD SPARTANS 1989, 1990/1
STRETFORD SAINTS, MANCHESTER 1966	CROYDON BLUE JAYS 1984
LIVERPOOL MORMON YANKEES 1967	HULL METS 1985
● HULL ACES 1968, 1972	
WATFORD SUN-ROCKETS 1969	
HULL ROYALS 1970	
+ LIVERPOOL NALGO TIGERS 1971/5	

● SAME CLUB + SAME CLUB

(NOTE) NO NATIONAL CHAMPIONS IN YEARS NOT LISTED BECAUSE OF SOME AREA LEAGUE BREAKING AWAY FROM THE RULING BODY OF BRITISH BASEBALL AT VARIOUS PERIODS.

NATIONAL KNOCKOUT CUP WINNERS (RECENT)

ENFIELD SPARTANS 1988/9, 1990/1
HULL METS 1987
SOUTHGLADE HORNETS 1986

AREA LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (RECENT)

(LEAGUE)

ANGLIA	— BURY ST. EDMUNDS SAINTS 1991
EAST MIDLANDS	— NOTTINGHAM PIRATES 1984; SOUTHGLADE HORNETS 1985-1990; WISBECH ISLANDER 1991
HUMBERSIDE	— HULL METS 1983-1990
NORTHERN MAJOR	— HULL GIANTS 1991
NORTH WEST	— LIVERPOOL TROJANS 1981-4, 1991; BURTONWOOD BRAVES 1985/6/8; LIVERPOOL TIGERS 1987/9, 1990
SCOTLAND	— EDINBURGH REIVERS 1991
SOUTH	— LONDON WARRIORS 1980-2, 1985; COBHAM YANKEES 1983/6/8; CROYDON BLUE JAYS 1984
"	— ENFIELD SPARTANS 1987/9, 1990; NEWHAM BLUE JAYS 1991
SOUTH WEST	— BRISTOL BLACK SOX 1991
WEST MIDLANDS	— BIRMINGHAM BRAVES 1991

GREAT BRITAIN NATIONAL TEAM.

EC = EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP
NEC = NORTHEUROPEAN CUP
H = HOME GAME OR VENUE
A = AWAY GAME OR VENUE

1952	● LOST TO HOLLAND 3-5, HOLLAND 'B' 1-3 A.
1967	● EC:(2ND.) BEAT SPAIN 10-4, SWITZERLAND 3-2, W.GERMANY 11-9; LOST TO BELGIUM 2-13*.
1971	● EC:(7TH.) BEAT SWEDEN 10-7; LOST TO ITALY 0-21. (OTHER GAMES LOST, RESULTS UNKNOWN).
1974-1980	● 1974; LOST TO SWEDEN 1-9 A./1975; EC(QUALIFIER) LOST TO W.GERMANY 0-13 H./1980: BEAT BELGIUM 3-2 H; LOST TO FRANCE 1-13 H.
1982	● NEC: BEAT FINLAND 19-3; LOST TO FRANCE 7-17, HOLLAND 0-25, BELGIUM 2-15 A.
1984	● EC 'B' DIV:(3RD.) BEAT FINLAND 10-0; LOST TO SAN MARINO 7-15, W.GERMANY 2-12 H.
1986	● EC 'B'(3RD.) BEAT FINLAND 9-8, SWITZERL'D 14-10; LOST TO FRANCE 3-13, W.GERMANY 0-10 A.
1988	● EC 'B'(1ST.) BEAT FINLAND 11-0, CZECHO-SLOVAKIA 11-0, SWITZERLAND 27-4 H. (PROMOTED)
1989	● EC 'A' DIV:(7TH.) BEAT BELGIUM 9-5, W.GERMANY 8-7 & 8-6; LOST TO BELGIUM 7-8, FRANCE 4-14 & 8-16, HOLLAND 0-35, SWEDEN 4-5 A.
1991	● EC 'A':(8TH.) LOST TO BELGIUM 2-4 & 2-20, HOLLAND 0-13, RUSSIA 6-7 & 4-14, SPAIN 0-10, SWEDEN 0-10 & 8-15 A. (RELEGATED).

* LEADING TEAMS HOLLAND AND ITALY DID NOT TAKE PART IN CHAMPIONSHIP. (1967)