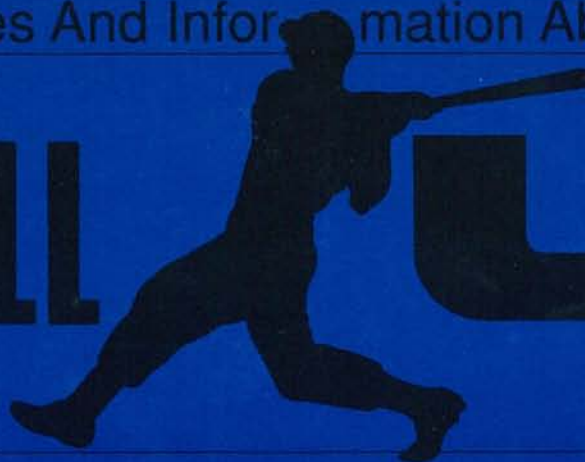


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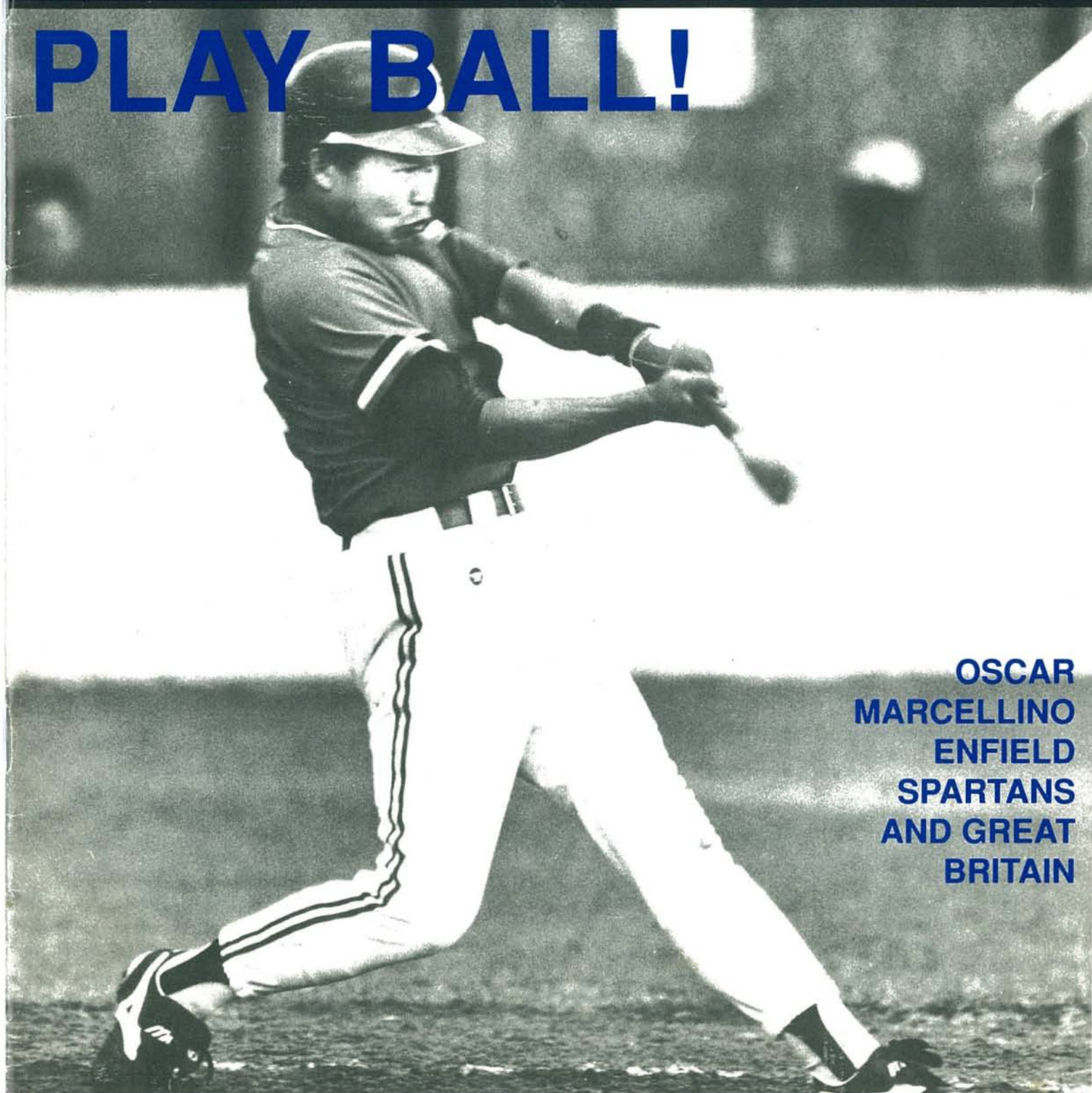


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NEWS NEWS

HONKBAL HEAVEN

The 15th Haarlem Honkbal (baseball) week in Holland from Saturday 21 July to Sunday 29 July promises a feast of outstanding ball. The teams appearing are Holland, Pac Ten (Pacific College All-Stars USA), Chinese Taipei, reigning world amateur champions Cuba and the legendary, privately owned semi-pro team from Indiana "Sullivans".

The standard of ball will be the highest available anywhere in Europe this year. The schedule, including floodlit nightgames is:

| | | | |
|---------------------|------------|---|------------|
| Saturday 21 | | | |
| 2pm | Holland | v | Ch. Taipei |
| 8pm | Sullivans | v | Cuba |
| Sunday 22 | | | |
| 2pm | Cuba | v | Holland |
| 8pm | Ch. Taipei | v | Pac Ten |
| Monday 23 | | | |
| 2pm | Sullivans | v | Ch. Taipei |
| 8pm | Pac Ten | v | Holland |
| Tuesday 24 | | | |
| 2pm | Pac Ten | v | Sullivans |
| 8pm | Ch. Taipei | v | Cuba |
| Wednesday 25 | | | |
| 2pm | Cuba | v | Pac Ten |
| 8pm | Holland | v | Sullivans |
| Thursday 26 | | | |

Playoffs begin. 2 games a day every day through till Sunday when the final will be played at 2pm. For more information write to: Peter Korver, Rivieradreef 37, Haarlem, Holland.

DISH DEPARTMENT - "LIVE" MAJOR LEAGUE GAMES

More news on satellite coverage of Major League Baseball. Beginning in June, Screensport will be showing at least 5 games LIVE on Saturday nights. Games will start at 6pm UK time and are scheduled for June 23, July 21, Sept 1, Sept 8 and Sept 29, plus two major league games per week on Tuesdays and Fridays and the All-Star game. Plus -

JAPANESE MAJOR LEAGUES

Tune in to Channel 5 every week day night at about 9.40 and you will see a roundup of Japanese Sport. Besu-boru, (baseball) Japan's number 1 team sport features heavily. Love it, love it, love it.

BEER AND BASEBALL

The Kings Of Clerkenwell pub at 7,

Clerkenwell Close, London EC1 is showing major league games on closed circuit TV every Tuesday night. The show starts at 6pm and covers two full games. Call 071 253 0483 for more details.

NEW SPONSORS FOR BBF SOUTH TEAMS

First division team Reading has had a change of sponsor and are now known as the Honeywell Reading Royals. Enfield Spartans, are currently without a sponsor as their sponsor of last year, Laurel Gordon, has pulled out of the sport.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Current National League champs Southern Tigers will play London rivals the Warriors in a special one-off game at Richmond Athletic stadium on July 7th - gates open at noon.

Plus, on the same day, the inaugural BBF South Youth All-Stars game 8-14 year olds North vs 8-14 year olds South. Each team will have a squad of 14 players. Greg Welch and Bob Locke will be the honorary coaches. Tickets are £4 for adults and £2 for children. For more info, contact Slick Willies on 071-937 3824.

IBA WORLD BASEBALL NEWS



ALL-STARS SQUARE OFF

Countries are sending in player nominations for the inaugural IBA All-Star Game, to be held in Atlanta, Georgia USA on August 22.

The game, to be played in Atlanta Fulton County Stadium, will match the top

players from Europe, Asia and Oceania against the best from the Americas. It is hoped that the game will become an annual event.

The IBA is making plans for more than 40 players and coaches from all over the world to exhibit their skills in a game that will be the first of its kind.

All-time Major League home run leader Hank Aaron and Japanese home run leader Sadaharu Oh (see book review page 7) will be honorary coaches for the contest. As head coaches the IBA has chosen Georgia Tech's Jim Morris to lead the West team and Japanese coach Masatake Yamanaka to head the East squad.

A player from the GB team could be invited to play at this game. More in next issue. Also see Rushmore Card ad in this issue which commemorates the game.

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NEWS NEWS



John Boyd, manager of the Windsor Bears (right) receives equipment from Julian Dodwell, President of the BBF South.

JOHN BOYD IS 12 RIGHT?

YES - John Boyd is twelve and a true baseball pioneer. Over the last few months, he has demonstrated a level of tenacity that has been outstanding. So much so that he inspired the latest battle cry around the BASEBALL UK offices 'Just who does John Boyd think he is?'

Our experience of John and the Windsor Bears of the BBFS Youth League has us convinced that yes, IT CAN be done.

Here, in his own words, John Boyd brings us his report on a great news story.

I have always been interested in baseball. The two main things that got me started were getting a wooden bat for my 9th birthday and seeing an ad in the local paper to play T-ball. My parents took me to my first practice and I was hooked. I played for this team for about three quar-

ters of a season. Unfortunately we moved and the closest team was 20 miles away.

At this point I had three options:

- 1 Play on the team that was 20 miles away
- 2 Find an American school that played baseball
- 3 START MY OWN TEAM!

Seeing it was 4 months to the start of the season I decided to start my own team - well try.

At the first opportunity I invited some of my friends to come and play baseball. As the weeks went by I got more players interested. At first we had only two gloves so we played with a tennis ball. Within six weeks however, we managed to get four more gloves, two second-hand and two from a local sponsor. At last we could play with a baseball and started having regular practices on Sunday afternoons.

Right from the beginning, I have been grateful, amazed and delighted by the enthusiasm, support and help from so many people. The British Baseball Federation

and BASEBALL UK helped in every possible way - including advice through endless 'phone calls. Thanks Joe! The players and their parents have come along week after week - without them we wouldn't have a team. The Sports Development Officer at the local council has also helped us. My sister, who is at a university in Chicago has kept me supplied with baseball magazines.

At the moment we don't have a coach and I am coaching my team. I also go to an American school for coaching practice.

To get sponsors I had made a list of local shops and 'phoned each one. If they turned me down flat I didn't bother them, but two, so far, have sounded interested. As soon as I put the 'phone down after talking to MacDonald's Sportsworld, I rushed there and spoke to the manager. He realised that I would pester him until he sponsored the team - so he gave in. He sponsored us a catcher's mitt and a fielder's glove in return for his shop's name being printed on our shirts.

Our other sponsor is a restaurant called Uncle Sam's. This is how they got to sponsor us:

My friend and I went into town to collect the catcher's mitt from MacDonald's Sportsworld and we popped into the restaurant called Uncle Sam's. We asked to speak to the manager. I think he sponsored us because he had attended the same school that we go to and because it's an American restaurant. He sponsored our team £100.

We have applied to our local council for funding and are awaiting their reply. Our team is still looking for more sponsors. We are hoping to share a diamond with the local softball team, which has been promised by the Council.

Last week we had a friendly match against another team and to our surprise we won 17-11. This has boosted our hopes to win at least another game before the end of the season.

You might ask 'Who does John Boyd think he is?' - well, I am just an ordinary boy who wants to play ball and I am doing this... with a little help from my friends!

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New players start here

If you're new to baseball then there's a lot to learn and a lot of fun things to find out and do. Next issue, we start a page devoted solely to the beginner and new player. We'll be looking at how you select the right sort of bat and what type of glove you should use. You'll find simple drills and ways in which you can increase your skill.

The best way to improve is to join a local team - or, like John Boyd (see page 3), form your own team. The BBF South handbook (see page 20) lists all youth teams in the south and will be of great help. For information on teams in other areas of the country, call and leave a message on 071-433 1709. A listing of most areas will appear next issue along with contact names and phone numbers.

If you know little about the rules of baseball then an excellent introduction is "Play the Game Baseball & Softball" by Paul Gregory. If you can't find it in your local sports bookshop, write to publishers Ward Lock Ltd, 8 Clifford Street, London W1X 1RB.

As for this issue - opposite is our first letters page. If you have an opinion to express then write. Pages 15-19 cover the first 4 weeks of the UK season - with current champions Enfield Spartans off to a flying start. If your team or area results are missing and you want them included, call us on 071 433 1709 and if you don't know how to read the box scores, see the guide on page 20.

GB coach Mike Harrold begins what we hope will be a regular column on the national team - Harvey Sahker writes about lefty pitcher Steve Keeping - the Liverpool Trojans spill the beans and Walt Hriniak and Bill Thurston give top class advice on Hitting and Pitching.

See you next month.



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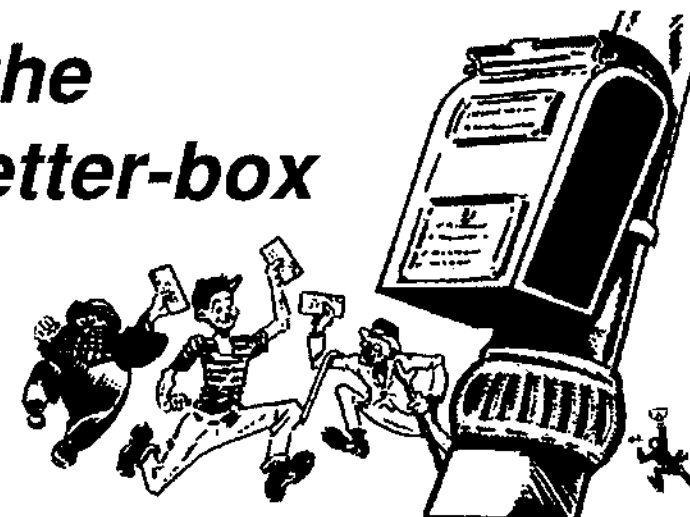
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the letter-box



Fascinating game

It has been my pleasure over the last five years to be able to watch baseball games played in my area. I have never actively supported a single team or group and I must admit that my knowledge of the game is still in its infancy. Every week during the season, something seems to occur that I have never seen before as this game constantly surprises me with its diversity and possibility. I am very happy to see your magazine and I'm sure it will aid me in my recreational quest of understanding this game I find so fascinating.

Eric Robertson
Cheam, Surrey

Breath of fresh air

When I first heard that a new baseball magazine was coming out the last thing I expected was a publication that dealt with the British game and was at the same time of a standard that could elevate the image of our sport. Your magazine has done both. Please continue. The first issue was truly a breath of fresh air. Thank you.

Neail Radcliffe
Cambs.

We stand corrected

Please note that in your first issue on page 12 Dick Lane incorrectly reported that Holland and Great Britain were the only members of "poule" A. In fact this group also consisted of Belgium and Sweden. Also, thanks for the boxscores!

Ian Parfitt
Bedford

Just where is the strike zone?

Is it me or is this sinking feeling simply an hallucination? Over the last three seasons I have noticed a distinct lowering of the strike zone, to the extent that my

colleagues and I now believe it is from the waist to the bottom of my shins!!

Is this true? Do we have a plethora of low strikecallers? or is there a dip behind the catcher where the umpire stands?

Seriously though, I would be interested to read your comments and any comments from the umpires association.

Ian Smyth
Leeds City Royals

Upset by leadership

I must open by stating that I rarely write to any publications. In this case I felt I had to as one item in your first issue left me quite upset. In regard to your BBF press release included in your News Roundup this is just another example of bad management and overall embarrassment inflicted on the British baseball public by its administrators. Is it not the time to wipe the slate clean and start again. The centenary of our game is in fact a joke as the membership has once more been misled and forced to accept what a very small group of people have managed to manipulate to their personal advantage. Those in Hull have lost what shreds of respect they think they may have possessed and it is time they step aside. Our game has been held back long enough.

Mark Spence
Lancashire

Baseball and beer (see news pg 2)

I picked up your first issue at Sports pages and thought you might be interested in our project. We have designated Tuesday night in the pub as Baseball Night and every Tuesday we show a Major League double-header, starting at 6pm and finishing at 11. We hope to make the pub a rendezvous where lovers of the game can slip the surly bonds of reality, put their

heads together and talk some serious baseball.

It's early days yet - we are two weeks in - and although we have put up posters at strategic locations we need to spread the word.

We wish you the best of luck with the new magazine.

John Eichler, Landlord
Kings of Clerkenwell Pub
Clerkenwell Court, London

Honkball UK

Thank you very much for BASEBALL UK. I think the magazine is fantastic. In Holland we also have a magazine but it has all the American sports which are played in Holland in one magazine. It is a nice magazine but not a real baseball magazine like Baseball UK.

As for the Southern Tigers tour of Holland, we will beat you next time. I am already looking forward to visiting the Tigers baseball club for a game of ball in September.

Marcel Heuseveldt
Pollux 20, 3902 TN
Veenendaal, Holland

Our aim is to assist UK baseball to be as good as Dutch baseball. Thanks for your comments Marcel.

GB under-19 team

I understand that there is a Great Britain under 19 team and I am interested in trying out for the squad. How is this done?

I would appreciate any information you could give me on this matter.

Rupert Laing
Arun Panthers, Bognor Regis

We suggest you write to GB coach Mike Harrold c/o the Baseball UK editorial address.

'FAG' looks awful

Please, no more photographs as the one on page 18, the player with the 'fag' in his mouth. It looks absolutely awful.

As the former manager of the 1949 U.K. Champions, I never permitted smoking on the diamond, either during training or during matches. Nothing looks worse to spectators than seeing players going up to bat and stubbing out a cigarette on homeplate. Whilst you cannot control the players you certainly can control the photographs that appear in your Journal.

D Cowling
Enfield, Middx

BASEBALL UK welcomes letters from its readers. Address all correspondence to "The Letter-Box", 31 Maryon Mews, London NW3 2PY. We reserve the right to edit all submissions.

On 15th January 1988, Rod Alexander, Managing Director of SBI, gave a speech to an EGM of the BBF which we have re-printed below. This was before Scottish Amicable pulled out of sponsoring UK baseball. All the points raised still apply. Your comments are requested.

SPEECH TO THE BBF

from Rod Alexander

Thank you for asking me to talk to your membership and I will start by answering the specific question "Who is SBI?". SBI is short for Sports Bureau International and we are the sports sponsorship consultancy division of Counsel Group - a leading public relations company. We handle a wide range of sports related projects/events/sponsorship for a number of blue chip clients. I do not intend to dwell long on Scottish Amicable's baseball sponsorship which we handle apart from to say that we were asked to identify for Scottish Amicable a sport which had the growth potential and dynamics to justify an involvement and which, if successful, would look like a shrewd investment. From the small number of sports we proposed, baseball was selected as the sport with the right credentials.

Our experience of the growth of American Football as a result of the C4 television coverage led us to believe that baseball required more TV exposure and a fair proportion of Scottish Amicable's sponsorship budget has been devoted to expanding this television coverage. Unfortunately we have no control over the scheduling and the late night time slot has been a disaster as far as viewing figures are concerned and therefore the opportunity to attract more people to the game has not really materialised. I think C4, basking in the success of American Football, felt that their baseball presentation would be sufficient to draw a large audience which would generate valuable advertising revenue and create a valuable time slot area late at night. This has sadly not proved to be the case. C4 have little commitment to baseball in Britain and I don't believe they have done us any favours.

I don't plan to talk for very long this afternoon - how often have you heard speakers say that and still waffle on for forty or so minutes - but I wanted to share my observations of the baseball scene gained over the last two years.

The primary question that I feel baseball has to answer is "What does it want to be?" Does it want to become a major sport in Britain enjoyed by millions or remain a minority sport with some regional strengths? If baseball does wish to become a major sport, then what is required and

what sacrifices have to be made in the transition period? Growth is never easy and it must be recognised that there will be casualties on the way. Assuming baseball wants growth - what must baseball have if it is to succeed?

1 A clear commitment from everyone in baseball, not just the more enlightened members of the Committee.

2 Clear objectives that everyone in baseball understands and supports - to listen to some of the talk about North v South, Americans v Britons, Young v Old is soul-destroying and potentially self-destructive. No sponsor is going to support a sport for long if it persists in shooting itself in the foot.

3 A professional presentation in everything you do - you are competing in the leisure/sport market place for scarce funds and presentation is obviously important just to get to first base.

4 A preparedness to reflect the commitment in massive time, effort, sacrifices and cost (transition to a major sport will be an expensive business).

5 Good funding from membership dues, events, fundraising, sponsorship - all areas must be tackled vigorously and systematically.

6 Good communications both internally and externally are very important. Making sure that the membership knows what is going on in the game plan and the progress being made and obtaining a share of the media voice for the sport.

With regard to sponsorship, again more questions need to be asked. Where are the priorities - national, regional or team level and how should each be tackled? Can those involved handle it? It can be a double-edged sword once you have sponsorship making one lazy and oblivious to the sponsor's needs and objectives - the hard work begins once you have the sponsor. That leads onto another question: "Can you deliver?"

In terms of coverage for the sport, or expressed another way "your public relations effort", again questions need to be asked of everyone. "What needs to be done in my region to improve the situation?" "What have you done or tried?" "What can be done - can I learn from others?" It would be insidious to mention

individuals or clubs, but some individuals are providing regular baseball round-ups on their local radio station. Others provide the local media with well written reports and updates/news/views on their club and activities and obviously help raise the profile of the sport in their regions. Others sit around and do nothing all week, play the game on Sunday and return home leaving the work to someone else. If it gets done all well and good, but we need a more structured approach to everything and for everyone to pull their weight in a common direction then the game will really start to move.

Listening to the discussion on membership dues bears out what I said about growth being expensive and difficult involving sacrifices all round. Until you have a significantly larger playing base this is going to continue to be so, but this will only happen if you tackle the organisation and future with a professional, structured approach.

What can SBI do for you? I think there are a number of areas where we can help.

1 Assist the executive committee to set clear priorities - 2 Identify the best sponsorship opportunities - 3 Develop/create fund-raising opportunities - 4 Provide professional support to the clubs if requested of sponsorship guidelines, standard letters, draft proposals etc.

But we won't be effective if:

1 You sit back and expect it all to happen. 2 You don't support the baseball initiatives undertaken (everyone involved was disappointed by baseball's support of the Oval Event in September). 3 You don't tackle the problems and opportunities objectively and with enthusiasm.

If baseball is to flourish it needs both the North and the South Americans and Britons and a more professional business-like approach. If we can start working in the way I have outlined and get everyone working together, then I believe we can all make baseball happen in Britain.

Thank you for listening.

BASEBALL UK NOTICEBOARD

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Got a camera? We need shots of baseball from all over the country. If you can provide us with 35mm black and white contact prints (plus the negatives) then you could see your shots in the next issue of BASEBALL UK. Write or call us on 071 433 1709.

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Each issue we turn the spotlight on one team from the BBF. Send us a team photo (black and white print or negative) and the story behind your club. Players names, ages, positions and experience will be needed as well as the aims and goals for the club. To arrange to have your club in the spotlight call us or write.

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Gary Mortimer, 18 The Mews,
Coltman Street, Hull HU3

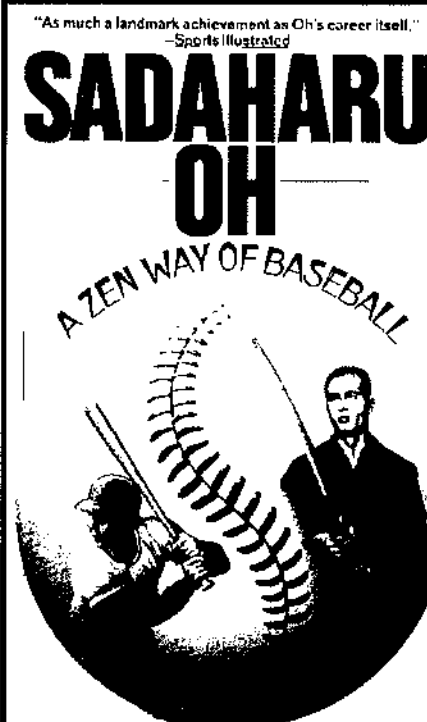
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The future of the game in this country depends on developing qualified, competent coaches that can inspire, lead and develop outstanding ballplayers. It is at the grassroots level that coaches are vital to the success of the sport in the UK.

If you want to become a coach, if you're an ex-player looking for a new way to contribute to the game, then Alan Wilson, Head of The National Coaching Association would like to hear from you. Contact him at:

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Telephone. (0482) 76169

BOOK REVIEW



Sadaharu Oh & David Falkner
SADAHARU OH

"My baseball career was a long, long initiation into a single secret: that at the heart of all things is love"

Sadaharu Oh, the greatest home run hitter in any major league, hit 868 homers in his twenty year career, all of them for the Tokyo/Yomiuri Giants. He was Japan's MVP five times and triple crown winner two years in a row but as the above quote reveals, he was much more than just an outstanding player. His book, "A Zen Way Of Baseball", is also far more than the autobiography of a top baseball star.

It is a book about attitude, discipline, self-knowledge and the relentless pursuit

of a personal goal... "Zen and the Art of Baseball" and particularly "Zen and the Art of Hitting".

If you want to become a better hitter then this book will give you a unique perspective on how to hit a moving ball. Oh's intensive training involved the use of the two-handed Japanese sword, Aikido, Ki - the spirit energy within all of us, the art of waiting, the down-swing, becoming "one" with the pitcher and understanding that there is no division between you and your opponent. Hitting was for Oh, a skill and discipline through which self-exploration and the creation of self-knowledge were made possible. The tone of the book and of his life is spare, elegant, sharp... uniquely Japanese.

Like American baseball, Japanese baseball reflects the culture of the country. One of the fascinating aspects of his story is how Oh and his master, Arakawa-san a Giants coach, bring their culture to bear on an American game.

Their relationship is at the core of this book and of Oh's success. Team, team, team is the Japanese way and in truth, the only way to achieve something above and beyond the abilities of just one man. Honour, personal responsibility and the Japanese culture of "shame" are dealt with in a simple and precise manner.

Buy this book. On every level it is a classic. A more moving, gripping and beneficial narrative you are unlikely to find anywhere in the great library of baseball writings and tutorials.

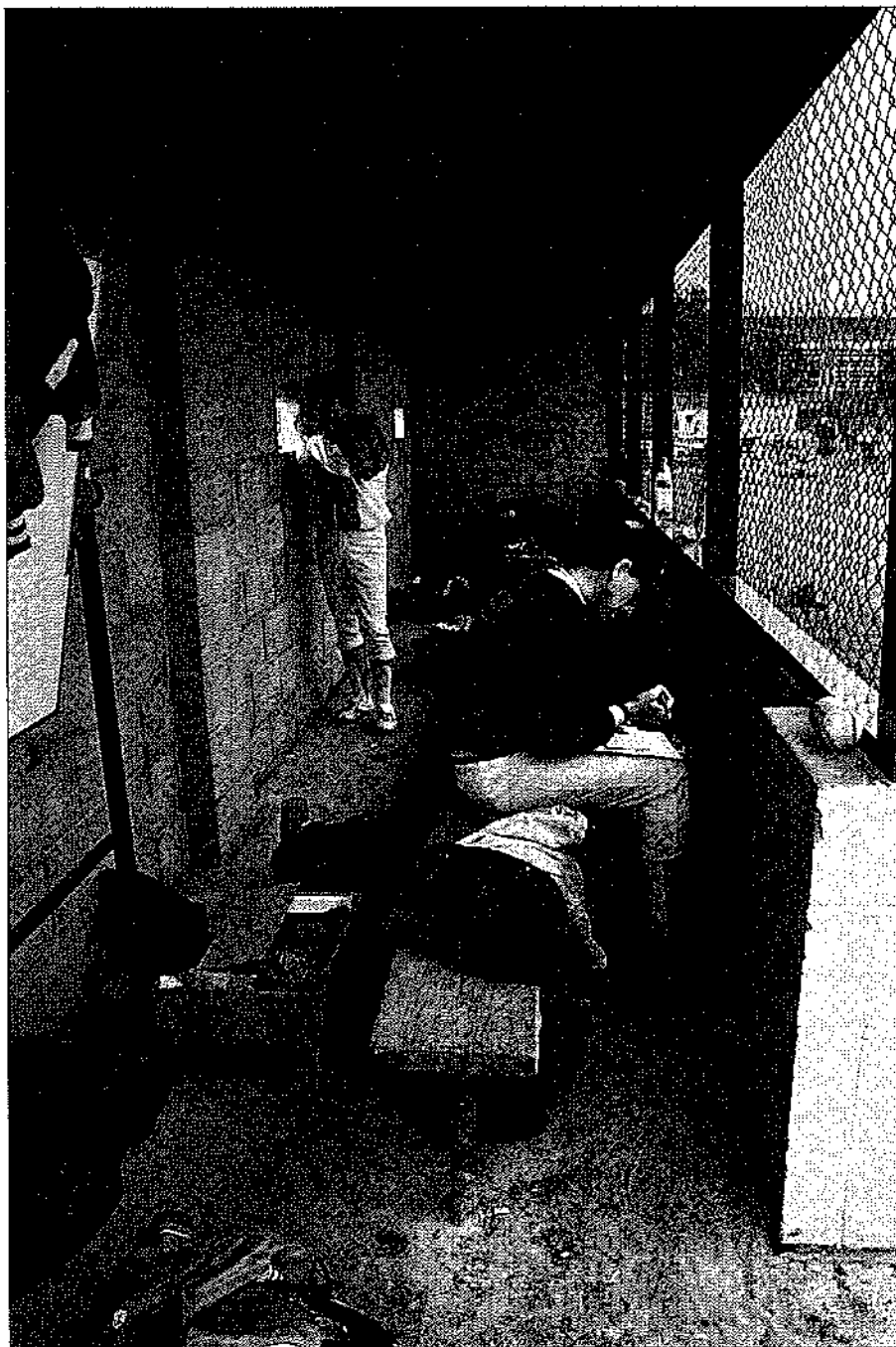
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BBF NEWS UPDATE

BBF Director Nigel Summers has retired from his post. A new appointment is expected soon - The new centre of excellence at East Mount Hull officially opens May 27th - the UK All stars will play Menwith Hill - Upcoming East Mount events - a special invitational tournament on June 2nd for the Northern conference of the National League: Humberside, Yorkshire, Nottingham and Lancashire will compete; Yorks League tournament on August 19th and 25th - No further de

velopments in the Don Smallwood case as reported last issue - a special meeting will be held later in the year on the post of Chief Administrator - in the meantime, Alan Foster will continue to fill that role - Plans are being laid for the first National BBF Handbook for 1991 - Enfield Spartans represent Britain in the European Cup held at Lyon, France in June - their opponents are the Zurich Lions, Vienna Homerunners and Helsinki Devils - full report next issue.



Mike Harrold makes out his player shopping list

GB ASSESSMENT DAY

BY GB COACH
MIKE HARROLD

Most of the playing fraternity in British baseball know the assessment days for the National Squad have taken place. For the first time regional assessments were held using local coaches. Recommendations to the National assessment day came from those local coaches. A total of forty three players were consequently invited to Nottingham - six sent apologies one was in Canada - and thirty six eager to impress players came to Nottingham on a hot April day.

The Nottingham day was carefully planned to include stretches, a warm up, positional drills and an inter-squad game. Despite getting off to a late start, the whole day went according to plan.

One outstanding feature was the lack of knowledge by players on how to "warm up". Most players in this country simply play "catch". A warm up (throw) is far more and should be used by players to prepare themselves fully for the positional drills or game to follow.

Some of my plans are concerned with the long-term. I want to have players ready for the 1996 Olympics. That will include putting young inexperienced players with potential in the squad now to give them five years of coaching at national and international level ready for 1996. This action is bound to have the knock-on effect of having to leave 'better' players out of the squad.

Back to the 28th. The inter-squad game was played as competitively as possible, with all the players getting at least three innings each - the game stretched to fifteen innings. By the end of the day it was clear that the standard of play overall was higher than in past years but it was clear that standards did vary quite considerably.

My heart went out to the three lads who had travelled down from Scotland. I appreciate their efforts and it was great to see you - Colin Lewis, Gary Twaddle and Robert Lowe.

At the end of the day I had to sit down and choose a squad I believe will "do the job" in the short, medium and long terms. I congratulate those chosen and commiserate with those not. The Great Britain 1990 squad is:

| Pitchers | Catchers |
|-------------------|---------------|
| S Bowden | G Bedingfield |
| J Ball | M Gaunt |
| F Fernandez-Lacey | |
| B Thurston | Infield |
| J Dodwell | D Godfrey |
| O Marcellino | A Bloomfield |
| M Godsall | S Smith |
| S Nero | R Lanario |
| I Lanario | S Simmons |
| J Fountain | S Sewell |
| | M Abbott |

Outfield
R Soan
J Morrison
G Sewell
B Godfrey

The plans for the squad in 1990 are:
May 27th v Menwith Hill USAF at the new Centre of Excellence in Hull.
July 7+8 v Scotland in Glasgow
July 13+14 v Menwith Hill at Gateshead.

We are also hoping to take the squad to Florida in November for special training. I would like to thank all the local coaches who helped with the regional assessments.

Michael Harrold
Coach - Great Britain

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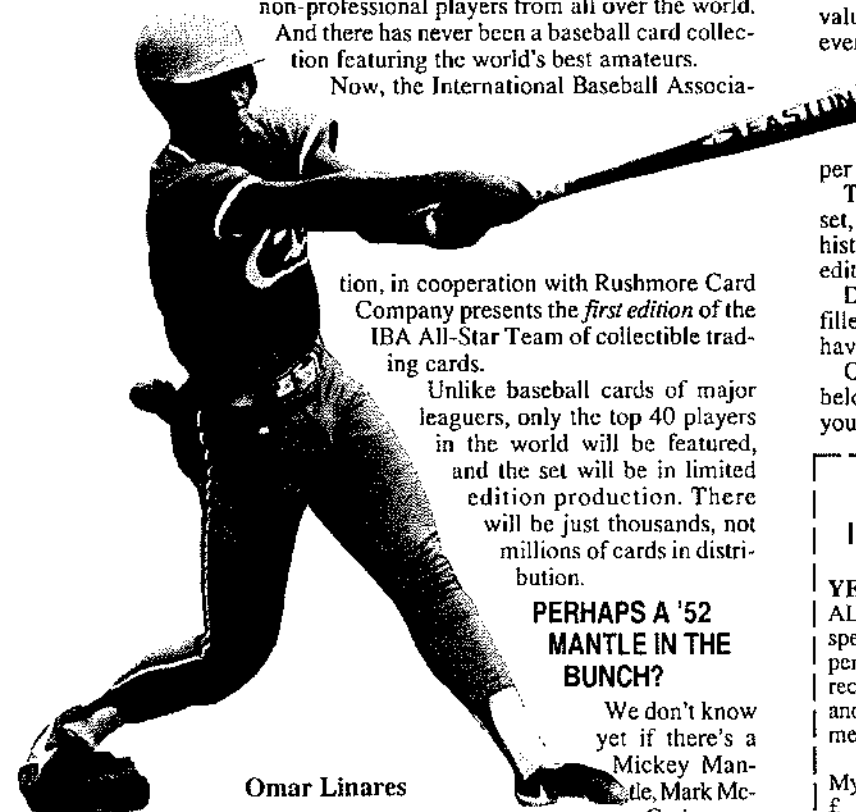
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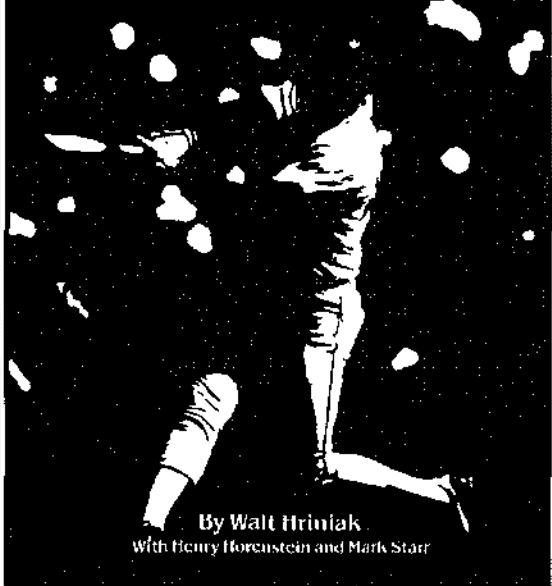
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A HITTING CLINIC THE WALT HRINIAK WAY



By Walt Hriniak
With Henry Horcstein and Mark Starr

By Walt Hriniak

No matter how gifted an athlete is, he will not become a great hitter by relying only on his physical abilities. The mental approach to the game is critical. It takes extraordinary discipline and self-control to make yourself the best player you can be. The only place to do that is in practice. Practice is not a warm-up for the real game. It is an extension of the game; it is the place to develop the habits that you want to display when the game begins.

Baseball is one of the most demanding of all sports when it comes to mental discipline. There is a tremendous amount of failure in baseball; even the best hitters are successful only about 3 out of every 10 times at the plate. In football, a quarterback completing only 30 percent of his passes would be booed off the field. A basketball player who shot 30 percent would never last as a pro. A tennis player who landed only 30 percent of his first serves wouldn't make it past the first round of any tournament. But in baseball, great athletes must adjust to failing most of the time.

And that's even when things are going well. When things are going badly, it can seem intolerable. All of a sudden, a hitter can't buy a base hit. For a game, for a week. He becomes overly conscious of every aspect of his body and his swing. He thinks about his hands, his stance, his stride. It can be overwhelming. As a result, he tends to forget about the most important thing - *watching the baseball*.

The way a hitter handles adversity can be an important measure of the success he will have in his career. I try to give the slumping hitter something he can really believe in - one single thing that he can return to in those most trying times. Nine times out of ten, a guy in a slump is doing something different with his head. So I tell him to forget about everything except keeping his head down. Once you get him doing that, you've almost won the battle. His concentration improves, his intensity improves, and his confidence begins to return. The negative feelings that have been enveloping him at the plate begin to dissipate. A little positive thinking creeps in, because he believes he's got a chance again. That's the ticket out of a slump.

One sure way to stay in a slump is to go around the dugout

listening to everyone's advice. One guy says this; another the opposite. They're just relaying what works for them. That doesn't mean that it will work for the guy in the slump. He shouldn't be adopting the habits of other hitters. He should be rediscovering his own best hitting habits by concentrating on the basics that worked for him in the past.

Slumps are funny things. Even the best hitters occasionally have periods when they go wrong. For a hitter like Wade Boggs it may last only two or three games. But for him, that's hard to handle. It's like somebody else going a week without a hit. Get into a slump, and the whole world seems to be operating against you. Suddenly, you're not seeing any 3 and 1 counts, only 0 and 2. The pitchers are hitting the corners with their nastiest pitches, and every ball you hit decently is right at someone. The guys who make it in this game are the ones who go out and do something about that slump. They don't just stand around feeling sorry for themselves; they concentrate and make adjustments.

The great Ted Williams - and he had very few serious slumps in his career - told me that when things were going wrong, he'd try to drive everything right back at the pitcher. This, from the greatest pull hitter of all time. But he knew that to break out of a slump, you have to concentrate on making one thing work. The difference between a good year and a great year, or a good year and a bad year, is how you handle slumps. Everybody has slumps. The great hitters don't have prolonged slumps.

Great hitters have their own personalities, but there is a common denominator. They're in control of their emotions all the time. They don't get too excited or high when things are going well. They don't get too far down in the dumps when they're going badly. They stay somewhere in the middle and sustain the same disciplined attitude and approach through good times and bad. That may sound funny. But just as a lot of hitters can't handle a slump, and thus unnecessarily prolong it, some hitters can't handle the good times. They get too keyed up and lose that essential concentration.

This is not as emotional a game as, say, football. Sure, hit a game-winning homer to end the World Series and you can dance around the basepaths all you want. But day in, day out, you have to keep a rein on your emotions. You have to keep yourself on an even keel. Your body and mind have to be under control.

Boggs calls the state he's in a "cocoon". He's oblivious to everything outside him. Henry Aaron was the same way. Every time at the plate, he acted in a similar manner; it didn't matter if he hit a home run or struck out with the bases loaded. He never threw his helmet; he'd take it off and place it back in the rack. He had unbelievable control of his emotions. What an asset that is in a great ballplayer. With many good hitters, you'd like to put blinders on them, like racehorses, so they wouldn't get distracted by everything around them.

Baseball is a unique and wonderful game. It takes enormous physical skill to be a great hitter. But never underestimate the other attributes it takes to make a great ballplayer - heart and head. Physical tools aren't enough. Watch Wade Boggs, Don Mattingly, Mike Schmidt, Dwight Evans, George Brett or Tim Lincecum. What they all share is fabulous discipline and mental approach to the game. Together with their obvious physical skills, that sets them above the rest.

Good luck, and good hitting!



PITCHING TECHNIQUE

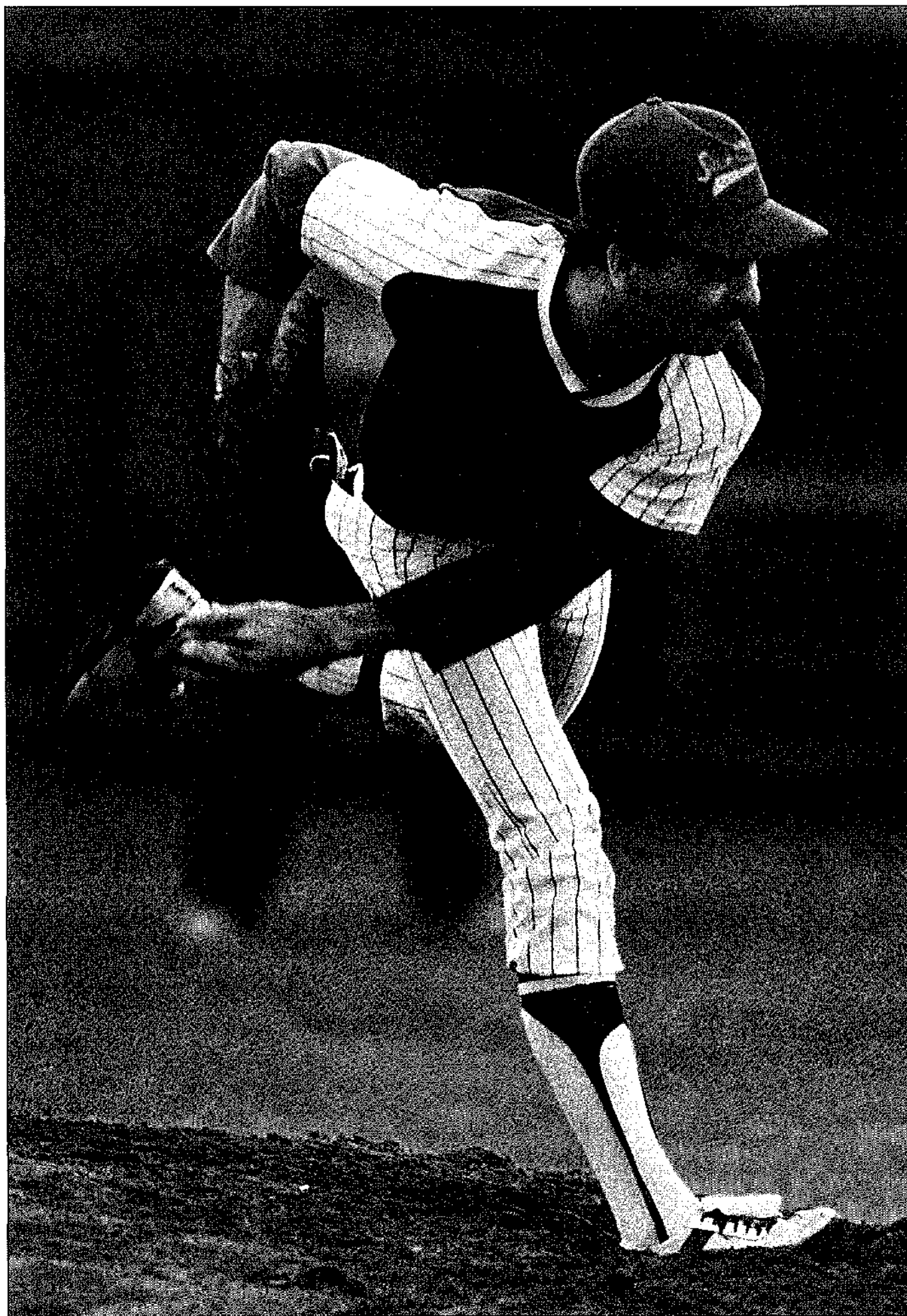
by
Bill Thurston

Bill Thurston has distinguished himself as head coach of Amherst College for 24 years, head coach of the Australian National Team in 1984-85, and pitching coach of the United States National Team in 1986.

The coach who desires to help his pitchers must develop the capacity to recognize and suggest corrections to faults in their throwing motions. Correct technique will: a) lessen the risk of arm injury; b) improve control and velocity. Coach Thurston reminds coaches to suggest adjustments according to the pitchers' individual styles and abilities.

| FAULT | RESULT | CORRECTION |
|---|---|---|
| A Rushing (Body ahead of arm) | Control Problems. Elbow strain. Early arm fatigue. Decreased velocity | Use short soft rocker step straight back. Keep weight over pivot leg. Stay up on a firm straight posting leg longer, then gather. Break hands earlier, quicken arm up. Do not push off until lead foot lands. Get good hip rotation back. |
| B Recoiling (Lack of long arc of deceleration) | Posterior shoulder injury. Decreases velocity. Control problems high. | Develop trunk flexibility. Land on a flexed leg. Transfer upper body weight down over lead leg, hopstep forward for balance on follow through. |
| C Overstriding | Control problems. Shoulder strain. Limits upper body thrust; can't get head and shoulders over. Can't get on top of curveball. Will not throw in a good downward plane. | Lower leg lift. Hang lower leg straight down. Stay in a posting position longer, then flex knee. Do not push off rubber until lead foot lands. |
| D Throwing Across The Body | Horizontal control problems. Posterior shoulder strain. | |
| 1 Stride foot too close | Decreased velocity. Elbow drops. | Maintain proper balance. Rocker step straight back. Hang leg on leg lift. Stride foot lands on a straight line from pivot foot to plate. |
| 2 Poor trunk rotation after landing | Short arm follow through. Arm path is too horizontal vs. downward. | |
| E Balance Problems | | |
| 1 Arching the back | Poor weight transfer. Improper alignment decreases velocity + hinders control. Hand will be too close to head. | Stay in a Tuck position longer, be balanced. Keep chin over front shoulder. Stay on a firm posting leg longer. Work on proper trunk rotation after lead foot lands. |
| 2 No balance in posting position | Causes rushing. Control problems. Poor arm path leads to early arm fatigue. | Work on a smooth leg lift, do not swing the leg up. Use a straight and firm pivot leg in posting position. Improve body balance. |
| 3 Poor body alignment (direction of weight transfer) | Front shoulder flies open. Arm drags. Anterior shoulder and elbow strain. | Get a good hip and trunk rotation during leg lift. Keep front shoulder driving straight to plate, chin low on tip of shoulder. Stride straight to plate. |

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Lightning lefty - Steve Keeping. Main moundman for the Southern Tigers and Sutton Braves.

STEVE KEEPING PAID TO PLAY

BY HARVEY SAHKER

Steve Keeping, of the Sutton Braves and Southern Tigers, is very much like any expatriate playing baseball here in the U.K.

He played high school (i.e. secondary school) ball and grew up with the game. But Steve stands out from his fellow Americans because he's played ball professionally.

A native of Eastport, Maine, Steve played first base and the outfield for Wells High School. During that time the team won the State Class "B" Championships. (U.S. high schools are grouped according to their enrolment). In 1978 Wells were runners-up in the New England "B" Championships.

While still in high school, Steve was spotted by former major leaguer Vic Power, the local scout for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Shortly thereafter, Steve found himself heading to Puerto Rico for what turned out to be a three year stint with the wonderfully named Ceiba Crabs. The Crabs played a schedule of roughly 90 games, during which time Steve made about \$1200 a month - not bad for someone who was seventeen in his rookie season. The Crabs were known then as perennial runners-up. No change there for Steve - he's a lifelong fan of the Boston Red Sox, a club known for finishing near the top (and no higher). Steve's role with the Crabs was as a utility outfielder.

Regarded as too small to play baseball at a higher level, Steve's pro career progressed no further than Ceiba.

Several familiar names graced the rosters of the teams Steve played for and against in winter ball: Among them, Ron LeFlore was the most famous. Known for his base stealing prowess and his past (he was an ex-convict), LeFlore had a successful big league career, predominantly with the Detroit Tigers. One of Steve's teammates was Miguel Lezcano, whose brother Sixto enjoyed several outstanding seasons with the Milwaukee Brewers before moving on to a host of other major league

clubs. Another player in the Puerto Rican league at the time was Jorge Lebron, who became famous when he signed a pro contract with the Philadelphia Phillies at the tender age of fourteen.

Steve has lived in England for several years but only started playing ball here in 1987 for the Witham Crusaders in their inaugural season. Last year he met Alan Bloomfield, who Steve regards as the best all around British player, in a BBF Knockout Cup game against the Sutton Braves. Alan invited Steve to play for the Southern Tigers in the National League. Splitting time between the mound, first and the outfield, Steve Keeping was an integral part of a Tigers squad which won the League Championship. This season, Steve will be suiting up with the Tigers and has left Witham in favour of Sutton, where the competition will be better suited to his abilities.

Even though he's only played here for a few years, Steve has seen his share of oddball events on the diamond: His favourites include watching Witham's catcher hit a double with his shinguards on and looking on in disbelief with his Southern Tigers teammates as the Humberside Bears' manager opted to bat first after winning the coin toss in last year's National League final match.

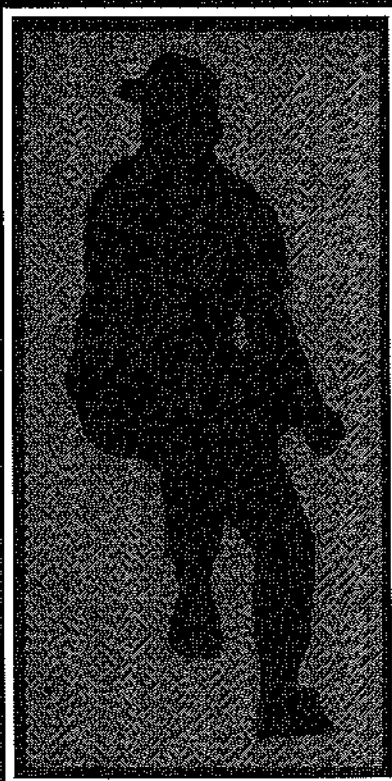
Steve is very hopeful about the future of British baseball: "For the game of baseball to continue its growth in this country, there is a need for better organized, more competitive games to be called by competent umpires. Let's hope the 90's will see this become more commonplace". Now 29, Steve Keeping is looking forward to the fast-approaching day when he qualifies for a British passport, and therefore a place in the G.B. squad.

Harvey Sahker is a freelance writer and outfielder for the Croydon Blue Jays and Southern Tigers.

Around First by the Slapper

Lots happening in the BBF South. Great Britain pitcher Julian Foun-
tain blew out his arm on opening day
at Bognor Regis against Enfield only
to come back and pitch against Bar-
nes 3 weeks later. The Reading
Royals have had to play their home
games at alternative venues due to
work on their new ground... plans
are for dirt basepaths this year and a
full dirt infield next. Paul Droop
damaged hand ligaments and will be
out of the Croydon Blue Jays lineup
indefinitely.

Division II's Croydon Pirates won
both of their pre-season games in
Holland beating two teams from the
Thirteen South Birds Baseball Club
4-1 and 13-3. Aussie hurler Chris
Gahan went the distance in the opener,
while former Pirate Sisco Brugman
pitched for Croydon in the other
game. Sisco is Dutch and was throw-
ing against his current club, Huizen.
Blue Jay skipper Norman "Nobby"
laine made his first pitching appear-
ance in many moons starting against
Arun in week 3 of the season. Nobby
went five frames and picked up the
victory.



SOUTH SCOUT

ENFIELD

SPARTANS

Manager Jack Akers and coach Henry
Loscher have this team on the run and
playing good ball in the first weeks of the
season. Any team that has to play the
Spartans will have to defend against the
hit and run, delayed steal and various
other offensive tactics which set this club
apart from the rest of the division. This
team simply plays aggressive and exciting
baseball. Until the rest of the division
realises that there is more to the game than
meets the eye, this team will be tough to
catch.

SUTTON

BRAVES

It is quite humorous really how certain
teams possess such a distinct profile each
year. The Braves once again started the
season simply struggling to organize a
squad on game days. I suppose we will all
have to wait as in past years for mid-
season to see what this club can really do.
A most experienced team they will have
to pull themselves together and using
history as a barometer they probably will.
Newcomer Anthony Kennedy in the in-
field seems set to help matters.

READING

ROYALS

Jack Fraquela's club has been bolstered
by the addition of lefthander Jeff Lores.
Hitting behind Peter Edwards this club
possess a serious duo in the middle of their
lineup. Paul Bullock at the top of the order
provides experience to take pitches and as
always this team runs often. Steve Frost
continues as the mainstay on the mound
despite not coming in on the better hitters
and tying them up.

BARNES

STORMERS

A rough start for this club as a transition
takes place. Inability to throw strikes in
the early going has hurt pitching and sub-
par performances from GB internationals
hasn't helped. Julian Dodwell continues
to crush the ball consistently and it really
could be just a matter of time before this
club gels. Lots of talent but they need to
come together for the individual stats to
produce wins.

CRAWLEY

GIANTS

Another club with a tough start to over-
come. Fundamental defensive inconsis-
tency the real problem. Jim Dodkins
needs only to hold this team together in
what should be a rough first half. The ex-
perience will prove valuable as other teams
that are now winning can attest, as they
have been there. Rick Soan continues as
the offensive anchor.

CROYDON

BLUEJAYS

Look here folks! Harvey Sahker has
this team playing ball. Off to a quick start
these guys give the opposition a run for
their money. No longer sitting back and
waiting for Keith Wilesmith to homer, the
whole club has taken the task to hand. The
real question here lies with the pitching.
How many innings can Darrin Ward throw
and be effective? A clear view of this
team should come after a few weekends of
doubleheaders.

WALTHAM ABBEY

ARROWS

Look out folks. Just maybe this club
could go on a roll. Simon Bowden, Dave
Dillion, Jay Hingle and Kevin Pickston
provide this team with four competent
pitchers. Their catching is strong as is
their middle infield. Veteran 1st baseman
and manager Phil Chesterton is enjoying
watching his club hit over 350. collectively
but is well aware that they must keep their
minds on the job at hand.

ARUN

PANTHERS

The 1st division is not a particularly
forgiving place as Greg Welch's team
from Bognor Regis has quickly learned.
An injury to righthander Julian Fountain
has not helped but this team is suffering
growing pains that are often experienced
by 1st year 1st division teams. They will
learn and they'll be a lot better come the
second half. "Going with" the curveball
on offence and "attacking" the ball on de-
fence can only be achieved through expe-
rience and that is just what they're getting
now. Youngsters like 16 year old lefty
Mark Weller provide strong hope for the
future.

RESULTS-RESULTS-RESULTS



More hardware for the Tigers as Manager Hughie King receives the North West Chal-
lenge Trophy from Division President, Clive Maude.

TIGERS TAKE NORTH-WEST CHALLENGE CUP

Norman Wells Reports

This was expected to be a close fought
and needle affair, and so it proved to be.
The game, played at Moor Park Preston,
was nip and tuck from start to finish.

Tigers took a four run lead in the first
inning, but by the third, the Trojans had
gained a seven to four advantage.

At this stage Dennis King, the Tigers
starting pitcher was replaced by Brian
Bretherton. With the game poised in the
middle innings, several vital fielding er-
rors from the Trojans made it possible for
the Tigers to forge in front again. Going
into the seventh, the Tigers led 11 to 7, but
the Trojans, with some lusty batting,
clawed back three runs.

With the score 11 to 10, the Tigers failed
to score in the last three innings but the
Trojans final assault in the top of the ninth
came to naught.

The Tigers ran out winners 11 to 10.
Bretherton was the winning pitcher while
the Trojans can reflect on twice loading
the bases and failing to score.

The Challenge Cup was duly presented
to the Tigers by North West Division
President, Mr Clive Maude.

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BBF SOUTH DIV 1 - WEEK 1 Games played April 22

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Waltham Abbey Arrows | 7 |
| Reading Royals | 3 |
| Arun Panthers | 2 |
| Enfield Spartans | 29 |
| 7 innings | |
| Sutton Braves | 18 |
| Crawley Giants | 0 |
| 7 innings | |
| Croydon Blue Jays | 8 |
| Barnes Stormers | 6 |

| BARNES | ab | r | h | bi | CROYDON | ab | r | h | bi |
|-----------------|----|---|---|----|---------------|----|---|---|----|
| D Godfrey 1b | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | McDermott cf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| J Godfrey p-rf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | Elley cf | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| B Godfrey cf-p4 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Brown c | 4 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Dodwell lf-p | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | Sahker lf | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Walker c | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Harrington ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Mackean 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Ward p | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Nightingale 2b1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | O'Grady | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| H Godfrey rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Potgieter 2b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Baines p | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Rolls rf | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kemp rf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Collins rf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Singer ph | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Lawson 3b | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Geddes ss | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Droop 3b | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Rodriguez ss | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Bhandal 1b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Hesling 3b | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | | | | |
| Totals | 36 | 6 | 5 | 3 | | 34 | 8 | 6 | 6 |

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|--|-----|---|---|----|----|----|
| Barnes | | | | | | |
| J Godfrey | 5 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Baines L | 0.1 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 0 |
| B Godfrey | 1.2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Dodwell | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Corydon | | | | | | |
| Ward W | 9 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 |
| WP: Baines. PB: Walker, Brown. T: 2:46 | | | | | | |



A sweet swing from Arun's Keith
Pescott

RESULTS-RESULTS-RESULTS

BBF SOUTH DIV 1 - WEEK 2 Games played April 29

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Enfield Spartans | 19 |
| Crawley | 2 |
| Sutton Braves | 31 |
| Arun Panthers | 7 |
| Croydon Blue Jays | 18 |
| Waltham Abbey Arrows | 14 |
| Reading Royals | 22 |
| Barnes Stormers | 16 |

| READING | ab | r | h | bi | BARNES | ab | r | h | bi |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Bullock rf | 3 | 4 | 1 | 3 | D Godfrey 1b | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Malone 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Kemp lf | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Joslyn 2b | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | Baines p-lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| P Edwards ss | 5 | 4 | 4 | 4 | J Godfrey p-cl | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Lores 3b-p | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | B Godfrey cf-p4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Volkerych lf | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | Dodwell lf-p-1b6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Libby 1b | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Walker c | 5 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| T Edwards c | 4 | 4 | 3 | 1 | Mackean 2b | 1 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Hill cl | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | Nightingale 2b2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Frost p | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | Hesling 3b | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Dinkel 3b | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | H Godfrey rf | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| | | | | | Geddes ss | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | | | | | Rodriguez ss | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 40 | 22 | 17 | 19 | | 42 | 16 | 12 | 12 |
| Reading | | | | | | 341 | 111 | 308 | 22 |
| Barnes | | | | | | 044 | 304 | 010 | 16 |

E: P Edwards (3), Joslyn (2), Hesling, Kemp, 2B: P Edwards (3), Lores, Volkerych, T Edwards, Walker, Hesling, 3B: Frost, HR: Dodwell, Lores, Edwards, LOB: Reading 10, Barnes 7, SB: Bullock 3, B Godfrey 2, malone, P Edwards, Lores, T Edwards, Kemp, Dodwell, Walker, Hesling, Rodriguez.

| READING | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|--------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Frost | 4 | 10 | 11 | 9 | 4 | 2 |
| Lores - W | 5 | 6 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| Barnes | | | | | | |
| Baines | 1 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| Dodwell | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 5 |
| J Godfrey -L | 3.2 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 3 | 2 |
| B Godfrey | 0.1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

* Pitched to 3 batters in 2nd.
WP: Dodwell, Frost. HBP: B Godfrey (by Frost), Dinkel (by J Godfrey). T: 3:55



1-2-3, Fountain fires it in - Julian Fountain, Arun Panthers and GB.

BBF SOUTH DIV 1 - WEEK 3 Games played May 6

| | |
|----------------------|----|
| Crawley Giants | 4 |
| Reading Royals | 23 |
| Barnes Stormers | 4 |
| Enfield Spartans | 15 |
| Waltham Abbey Arrows | 12 |
| Sutton Braves | 6 |
| Arun Panthers | 7 |
| Croydon Blue Jays | 19 |

BBF SOUTH DIV 1 - WEEK 4 Games played May 13

| | |
|--|-----------|
| Doubleheaders: | |
| Crawley v Waltham Abbey | |
| (Waltham win 2-0 as Crawley forfeit games) | |
| Barnes | 19 |
| Arun | 1 |

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Reading | 5 |
| Sutton | 10 |

| | |
|----------------|----------|
| Enfield | 9 |
| Croydon | 1 |

BBF SOUTH DIV 1 STANDINGS

| | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|-------------------|-----|------|-------|
| Enfield Spartans | 5 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Waltham Abbey | 4 | 1 | 0.800 |
| Sutton Braves | 3 | 2 | 0.600 |
| Reading Royals | 3 | 2 | 0.600 |
| Croydon Blue Jays | 3 | 2 | 0.600 |
| Arun Panthers | 1 | 4 | 0.200 |
| Barnes Stormers | 1 | 4 | 0.200 |
| Crawley Giants | 0 | 5 | 0.000 |



BBF SOUTH DIV 2 - WEEK 1 Games played April 22

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|-----------|----|
| Mariners | 21 |
| Wanderers | 19 |

Despite being out-hit and having an unfortunate time in the field, the Mariners clinched a 21-19 away victory due mainly to an unenviable combined 23 walks by the Wanderers pitchers. The controlled pitching of George Simmonds and the bat of first baseman Blake also aided a comeback from being 12-4 behind.

Positive notes for the Wanderers were home runs from Dave Farrington and Dave Avery and four hits by Matt Gill.

| BASILDON | ab | r | h | bi | TUNBRIDGE WELLS | ab | r | h | bi |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Oakman ss | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | Day rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lock 2b | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 | Goffton 2b-p | 4 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Simmonds lf-p5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | Ward p-1b | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Cargo p-lf | 6 | 5 | 2 | 0 | Farrington c | 6 | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| Coombs cf | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | Jenner 3b-p-2b6 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Beamish c | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Avery cf | 6 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| Matthews 3b | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | Neale ss | 4 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| Blake 1b | 5 | 2 | 5 | 6 | Osborne lf | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Chappel rf | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Gill 1b-rf | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Simmons rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | Patterson rf-3b4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 37 | 21 | 13 | 14 | | 47 | 19 | 16 | 14 |

Basilidon 301 037 460 21
Tunbridge Wells 013 535 110 19
2B: Jenner, Gill, Coombs, Blake, 3B: Neale, Oakman, Cargo, HR: Avery, Farrington, LOB: Basilidon 12, Tunbridge Wells 10.

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|-----------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Basilidon | | | | | | |
| Cargo | 4 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 4 |
| Simmonds W | 5 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 1 |
| Tunbridge Wells | | | | | | |
| Ward | 5 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 |
| Jenner | 1.2 | 3 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 2 |
| Goffton L | 2.1 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 12 | 1 |



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Bournemouth Bees 31 South Coast Buccaneers 20

The game was called on the slaughter rule. Neither side having the pitching skills to make it anything but a batters day. Winning pitcher - Ian McLeod.

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|------------|---|---|---|----|---|---|----|----|
| Bees | 3 | 2 | 0 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 10 | 31 |
| Buccaneers | 3 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 20 |

Croydon Borough Pirates 10 Crawley Comets 5

Crawley - Pirates' Chris Gahan was the WP with a display of fast, controlled pitching (2 hits, 12 K's). Gahan tired towards the end and the Comets finished strong but never recovered from their errors in the first inning. LP - Kevin Martin.

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Pirates | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | X | 10 |
| Comets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 5 |



Arun baserunner beats the ball.



Jack Akers and the Spartans - settling down to a flying start.

Totteridge Trailblazers 6 City Slick Sidewinders 4

WP - Simon Drinkwater, LP - Will Beglane.

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|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trailblazers | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Sidewinders | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 4 |

Chelmsford Judges 20 Waltham Forest Angels 13

Cambridge Monarchs 5 Witham Crusaders 4

Great game that went down to the wire. Carlos Lopes with 2 runs, Steve Matthews with 1 and a home run from B. Sharville won it for the Monarchs.

BBF SOUTH DIV 2 - WEEK 2 Games played April 29

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|-----------|----|
| Wanderers | 22 |
| Comets | 10 |

Third baseman mark Jenner sparked a 21 hit attack when he hit for the cycle, collecting two singles, a double, a triple and a home run and batted in six runs. Crawley were held to eight hits including home runs by Pearce and Burton.

| CRAWLEY | ab | r | h | bi | TUNBRIDGE WELLS | ab | r | h | bi |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Ifield cf | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Gill 1b | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| D Pearce rf | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | Goffton 2b | 4 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| Kolstone 3b/2b5 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | Ward p | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Martin ss/p | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 | Farrington c | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Dorrington 1b | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | M Jenner 3b | 6 | 5 | 5 | 6 |
| Pearce lf/ss | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | Avery cf | 5 | 2 | 3 | 3 |
| McLeod 2b/3b4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | Neale ss | 4 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Burton c/lf | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | Osborne lf | 6 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Johnston p | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | C Jenner rf | 2 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Helm lf | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Patterson rf | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Totals | 34 | 10 | 8 | 8 | | 43 | 22 | 21 | 18 |

| | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|-----|---|----|
| Crawley | 202 | 101 | 4 | 10 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 544 | 051 | 3 | 22 |

2B: M Jenner, Avery, 3B: Martin (2), Dorrington, M Jenner, HR: Pearce, Burton, M Jenner, LOB: Crawley 7, Tunbridge Wells 13.

| | IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
|-----------------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Crawley | | | | | | |
| Johnston L | 2.1 | 11 | 13 | 10 | 4 | 0 |
| Martin | 4.2 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 4 |
| Tunbridge Wells | | | | | | |
| Ward W | 7 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 6 | 6 |

Game called, 1 out (slaughter rule) in bottom of 7

Bournemouth Bees 22 Basildon Mariners 11

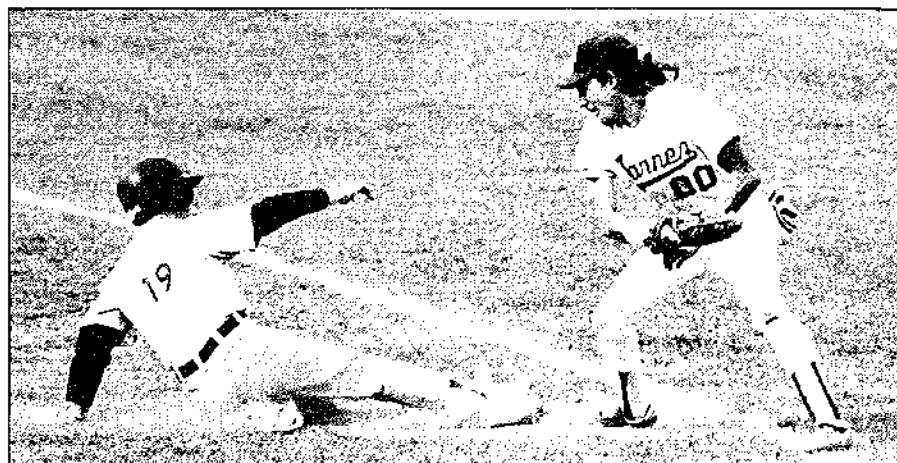
Basildon - A closer game than the final score shows. Bournemouth were strengthened by the return of their premier pitching/catching battery - Clarke Pitman the winning pitcher. George Simmons (LP) tired in the 8th and the Bees took advantage with a 9 run blast.

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|----------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| Bees | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 9 | x | 22 |
| Mariners | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 11 |

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Fine form from Iain Lanario - Spartan's hurler.



Easy does it - Ron Murphy avoids Dan Godfrey's pick-off tag at first.



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South Coast Buccaneers 11 Croydon Borough Pirates 10

At 6-1 down halfway through the third inning the Bucs' started to get the measure of pitcher Chris Gahan which led to a strong recovery. The Pirates produced a couple of triples but came up one run short of tying it in the top of the ninth. WP Chris Kewley - 15 hits, 13 K's and 7 walks. LP Chris Gahan - 13 hits, 11 K's and 7 walks. Buccaneers 101 131 22x 11 Pirates 303 000 013 10

City Slick Sidewinders 24 Wlatham Forest Angels 13

Evenly matched up to the 5th innings but as the the Angels pitcher tired the Sidewinders made hay.

Chelmsford Judges 31 Witham Crusaders 19

A four hour game that produced 50 runs. Judges made several fielding errors early on. - but improved. When Crusaders first pitcher was replaced by Heron, the Judges took control and bombed 15 runs in the 7th. WP Vince Warner (pitched last 4 innings) also hit a homer.

Crusaders 354 131 0 20 19
Judges 200 115 157x 31

Cambridge Monarchs 12 Totteridge Trailblazers 8

Despite racking up 15 K's over 9 innings, Matt Cook ended up the losing pitcher for the Trailblazers. With some well placed hitting, Cambridge took a nearly lead but a pitching change by the Monarchs allowed o square it at 8-8. The Monarchs rallied in the 9th with 4 runs and kept the 'Blazers scoreless. Few errors. WP Steve Gilbert gave up only 2 runs.

Monarchs 203 120 004 12
Trailblazers 110 015 000 8

BBF SOUTH DIV 2 - WEEK 3 Games played May 6

Tunbridge Wells Wanderers 28 Bournemouth Bees 10

The fact that Bournemouth walked 28 batters points to what happened here. With an injured pitcher and no second choice, the Bees wheeled out a series of first timers to pitch (plus a first time catcher!). However, this should not take away from a tidy performance by the Wanderers with very few infield errors. WP Shaun Ward,

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LP Clark Pitman. Game called on 7 in-ning slaughter rule.

Wanderers 412,1 043 4 28
Bees 201 040 3 10

Crawley Comets 28 Southcoast Buccaneers 17

5 home runs hit in this game-3 for Crawley 2 for the Bucs. Bucs had pitching problems. Kewley relieved in 2nd and pitched well before injury moved him to ss. Crawley punished Bucs accordingly.

Comets 151 209 64 28
Bucs 111 614 21 17

Basildon Mariners 27 Croydon Pirates 17

Gary Beamish hit 2 homers for the Mariners, Wood hit 1 for the Pirates. Highlight was a triple play from Pirates in the 5th when bases were loaded and George Simmons' hard line drive was caught by Dave Ward and runners caught off base - no one ready for a great catch. WP George Simmons, LP Nick Black.

Mariners 002 171 1141 28
Pirates 510 022 241 17

Totteridge Trailblazers 22 Witham Crusaders 8

Through early innings both teams held score down with tight defence. Witham broke away with 4 runs in 5th only for the Blazers to stage a 10 run rally. Witham used 2 pitchers after the 6th allowing Totteridge to consolidate lead. Matt Cook closed out 9th for Blazers with 3 K's in a row.

Blazers 000 1210 126 22
Crusaders 100 042 010 8

BBF SOUTH DIV 2 - WEEK 4 Games played May 13

Bournemouth Bees 15 City Slick Sidewinders 10

WP Gary McLeod, LP Will Beglane. Bees Alan Bond hits 3 run homer +3 run double.

Bees 030 543 0 15
Sidewinders 151 021 0 10

Bournemouth Bees 9 City Slick Sidewinders 7

WP Clark Pitman, LP J Boote. Similar game to the first with the Bees batting and tighter infield play making the difference.

Bees 241 010 1 9
Sidewinders 100 300 3 7

South Coast Buccaneers 13 Totteridge Trailblazers 14

WP Simon Drinkwater, LP Alan Kings. Extra inning game won on rbi base-hit to left field.

Buccaneers 211 144 000 13
Blazers 205 203 101 14

South Coast Buccaneers 13 Totteridge Trailblazers 15

WP Matt Cook, LP Dave George.

Buccaneers 112 702 13
Blazers 1100 04x 14

Basildon Mariners 23 Waltham Forest Angels 18

Mariners 0105 103 4 23
Angels 221 302 8 18

Basildon Mariners 10 Waltham Forest Angels 19

WP Tony Dire, LP George Simmons.

Mariners 121 311 10
Angels 109 810 19

Tunbridge Wells 3 Chelmsford Judges 13

WP Phil Griggs.

Wanderers 300 000 0 3
Judges 105 430 x 13

Tunbridge Wells 18 Chelmsford Judges 5

LP Clive Smith. Two double plays by both teams was the highlight of this game.

Crusaders 008 140 x 13

Crawley Comets 10 Witham Crusaders 13

WP Matt Jennings, LP Martin.

Comets 030 601 0 10
Crusaders 103 802 x 13

Croydon Pirates 5 Cambridge Monarchs 12

WP Steve Gilbert.

Pirates 010 004 0 5
Monarchs 213 303 x 12

Croydon Pirates 6 Cambridge Monarchs 21

WP Hero Arima.

Pirates 203 100 0 6
Monarchs 164 514 x 21

BBFS DIVISION II STANDINGS

| | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|-------------------------|-----|------|-------|
| Cambridge Monarchs | 5 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Bournemouth Bees | 4 | 1 | 0.800 |
| Totteridge Trailblazers | 4 | 1 | 0.800 |
| Chelmsford Judges | 3 | 2 | 0.600 |
| Tunbridge Wells | 3 | 2 | 0.600 |
| Basildon Mariners | 3 | 2 | 0.600 |
| City Slick Sidewinders | 2 | 3 | 0.400 |
| Witham Crusaders | 2 | 3 | 0.400 |
| South Coast Bucs | 1 | 4 | 0.200 |
| Croydon Pirates | 1 | 4 | 0.200 |
| Crawley Comets | 1 | 4 | 0.200 |
| Waltham Angels | 1 | 4 | 0.200 |

BBF YORKS- WEEK 1 Games played April 22

Bramley Jets 0
Barnsley Old Town 34

Huddersfield Heroes 3
Harrogate Red Wings 31

Menwith Hill 35
Sheffield Bladerunners 4

BBF YORKS- WEEK 2 Games played April 29

Sheffield Bladerunners 9
Bramley Jets 0

Leeds City Royals 30
Barnsley Old Town 5

Menwith Hill 30
Huddersfield Heroes 0

BBF YORKS- WEEK 3 Games played May 6

Barnsley Old Town 24
Sheffield Bladerunners 6

BBF YORKS- WEEK 4 Games played May 13

Sheffield Bladerunners 7
Leeds City Royals 5

Harrogate Red Wings 4
Menwith Hill 14

Huddersfield Heroes 2
Barnsley Old Town 32

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'3B' lists players who hit triples.

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'R' shows the number of runs allowed.

'ER' shows the number of Earned Runs allowed.

'BB' shows the number of walks (bases on balls) given up.

'SO' is the number of strikeouts the pitcher got.

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'HBP' shows players hit by a pitched ball and by which pitcher; the batter got to first base and was not charged with an at-bat.

'WP' shows which pitchers threw wild pitches.

'PB' shows the catchers who allowed passed balls.

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'T' shows the time passed on the clock from the first pitch to the last out.

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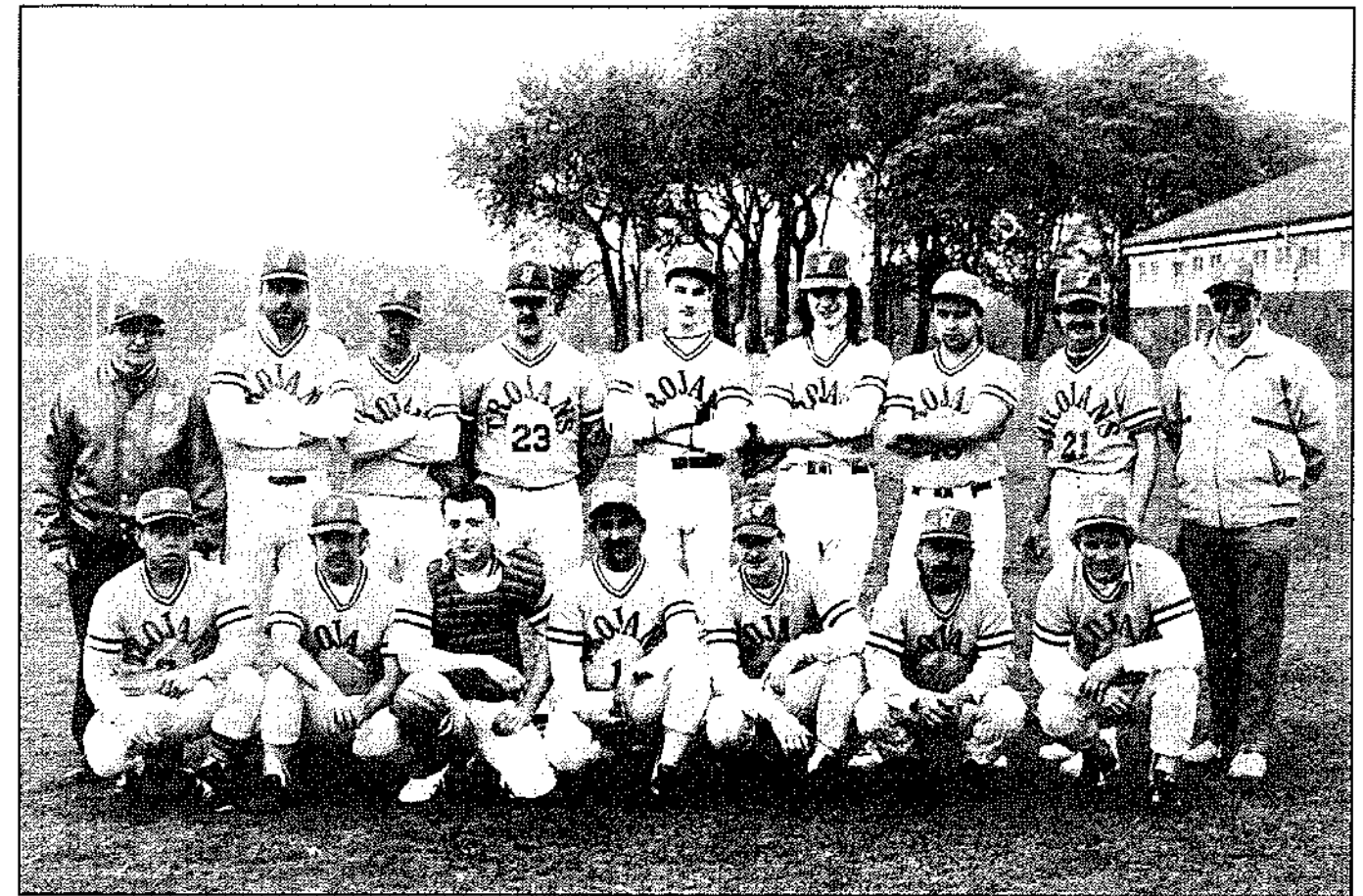
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Liverpool Trojans 1990. Standing, left to right: Norman Wells (president), G. Fazakerley, P. Bretherton, C. Standish, K. Daley, N. Salinas, J. Conrad, M. Livingston, C. Maude (team secretary). Kneeling, left to right: T. Flores, C. Conway, C. Wade, O. Villegas, C. Carlin, C. Moya, N.G. Wells (manager).

BASEBALL UK TEAM SPOTLIGHT ON THE LIVERPOOL TROJANS

BY
NORMAN WELLS

The best way I can begin this Trojan story is by describing my own introduction to baseball.

In the two years preceding World War Two, a good friend of mine, Bert Maude and I, both keen and active sportsmen, decided to take in the Ice Hockey scene in Liverpool. Watching the Liverpool Ice Hockey Team, we became fans of certain Canadian and American players.

Upon learning that these same people played semi-pro baseball, we decided to have a look at this game too.

The Liverpool Giants played at Church Road, Wavertree. It was there that I saw my first game and was instantly taken with it, the atmosphere and the crowd involvement. We became regular supporters.

Soon we learned that there were also amateur leagues in Liverpool and other

areas. Before long we were watching the amateurs, among whose ranks we saw the redoubtable Dixie Dean, not as a footballer, but wearing a Caledonian Baseball outfit.

The next step from there was "Sand Lot" baseball, played with local village lads on the site of the old West Derby Castle. We made our own gloves, bats and used cricket or tennis balls - the latter after several windows were broken.

Then came the war years. I left the area, except for brief leave periods, for about six years.

During all that time I watched US Army and Navy teams whenever I got the chance. The highest standard of baseball I ever saw at this time was a game between the Canadian Army and the Canadian Navy in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

During the few leaves I had, I was informed by my brother that an excellent league was played out at Goodison Park, home of Everton F.C. All the teams

involved were US service sides. The most successful of these were the "Night Sticks", a team of military policemen. I did get to see one of these games at Goodison Park but it was two British teams that played.

Upon demobilisation, all the local lads who had served began to filter back to the village. My particular group of associates met each night in a village pub, the Halton Castle.

At that time the brewers, Higsons, sold a brand of beer, a mild ale called "Trojan". To our group of demobees and their girlfriends, this became our regular beverage. A barmaid, remembered now as Ann, would bring in orders of up to 20 pints of "Trojan" . . . she began to refer to us collectively as the "Trojans".

It became apparent also that the pub was frequented by a large number of baseball players. These were team members who played and practiced at Belle Fields, Everton F.C.'s training grounds.

This, to me, was fate, because I had basically forgotten my earlier enthusiasm

in the hectic times of release from military service. And here, brought back to me in the form of Mr Baseball - Alan Robertson.

Alan Robertson was a human dynamo where baseball was concerned. He literally took over the pub on match days. His enthusiasm was infectious. In a fit of bravado we challenged his team, the Robins, to a game. We even took bets on the result. Despite the fact that at least half of our lads knew nothing about the game.

Needless to say we stood no chance against the Robins, but Alan thought us good enough to form a team. Unlike today, we were expected to enter the second division that same year. Anyway, he persuaded us to make the attempt.

We elected the Pub Manager as Manager of the team. The Manager then found an interested person, John Bennett, to become secretary and all that was needed was a name.

Mr Ernie Peacock, Manager, said that this was already chosen as everyone knew us as the "Trojans". And so we became the Halton Trojans.

Mr Peacock soon had the services of an ex Liverpool Giant player, Eddy O'Melia, who was to be our player/coach. The home ground was Belle Fields. And so we went off on a hiding to nothing.

After a season of some heavy defeats, it was decided to bring in some experienced players for our second year. And so along came Digger Terry, George McArdle, Wally Heaton, F(Shine)Shone, Reg Lewis and later Eddie Douglas. We also brought in Ned James at first base.

This team was to compete with the best. Winning the league and promotion in 1948. Also in 1948 reaching the final of the Lancashire Cup, then a prestigious trophy involving teams from all over Lancashire.

We were defeated by Formby Cardinals at Birkenhead Park after the first game was rained out at Goodison Park at a point when we were leading.

Eddy (Ned) James, left the Trojans to manage the Braves a second team we had formed. This team only lasted one year and Ned moved on. Later he managed the English Electric Sabres, the ATM Atoms, the Aces and then the Great Britain team. Ned still comes to games when his health permits.

One of the teams fondest memories is of defeating the Burtonwood Bees by one run. The Bees were a very strong side who were unbeaten for about 4 years.

Then, through pure apathy, the team disbanded.

This was about 1956. When I received no notification of spring training, I went

down to West Derby, to the Halton from Kirby where I then lived. There I was told that the team was no more, that the gear had been sold. Mr Bennett told me that no funds had been raised during the winter and no-one had attended the three urgent meetings he had called. I was just as guilty as anyone else as I had paid no heed to these calls either.

In 1964, when my son was about 15, I decided to show him a baseball game. We went along to Long Lane, Fazakerley. It was almost 6 years since I had hung up my glove after playing about a dozen games for the newly formed Tigers.

At my appearance I was besieged by the then Executive. They insisted I put something back into the game because like so many others, I had taken a lot from it.

At the same time the manager of the Nalgo Cubs, Alan Foster, asked young Norman to make up the number of his team as they were one short. When Norman showed reluctance, Alan Foster carried him bodily into the dressing room and gave him a Cubs uniform. Norman had a very good game and finished the season with the Cubs.

With the promise of equipment from Pete Hemmings and Dave Price, then the Secretary and Chairman of the League, we decided to reform the Trojans.

With the assistance of Mr Bert Maude, we put together a team of youngsters which included both my son and Bert Maude's. The remainder were friends of the two lads.

We were lucky to procure the services of a young American lad of British parentage who had returned to this country.

This young man, Brian Chelley, turned out to be quite an effective pitcher and in order to give the team a little experience I took the catchers job.

We trained every Sunday through the Winter, weather permitting. By the start of the 1965 season, we were able to enter the baseball League.

At this time Mr Charles Bolton became our Treasurer and has remained so ever since. Both our starts in 1946 and 1965 were helped by the willingness of the ladies who, in both instances, made the first set of uniforms.

In all these years the team has had many successes, being British Champions on three occasions in 1976, 1978 and 1980.

A few of the original team of 1965 still remain. Arthur Bolton, Jim Kewley, Norman Wells, Brian Roper (now with the Tigers) and, until last year, Bob Kitts.

LIVERPOOL TROJANS RECORDS

| | |
|------|---|
| 1946 | Founded. |
| 1948 | Winners of 2nd division. Promoted. |
| 1948 | Finalists in Lancashire Cup. Beaten by Formby Cardinals. Temporarily disbanded. |
| 1956 | Reformed. |
| 1965 | Reformed. |
| 1969 | Finalist, British National Cup (lost to Watford Sunrocks). |
| 1972 | Winners, Two Rivers Tournament versus Hull Aces. |
| 1974 | Merseyside League Champions. |
| 1974 | Winners, Artco Trophy. |
| 1976 | Merseyside League Champions. |
| 1976 | Winners, Robertson Trophy. |
| 1977 | Merseyside League Champions. |
| 1977 | Winners, Lancashire Cup. |
| 1977 | Semi-finalists BABSF National Cup, lost to Golders Green Sox. |
| 1978 | Merseyside League Champions. |
| 1978 | Major League Champions. |
| 1978 | All Star League Champions, representing Merseyside. |
| 1978 | Winners Artco Trophy. |
| 1978 | Winners, Lancashire Cup. |
| 1978 | Winners, Robertson Trophy. |
| 1978 | Winners, Orford Trophy. |
| 1979 | Merseyside League Champions. |
| 1979 | Major League (Inter-City) Champs. |
| 1979 | Winners, Artco Trophy. |
| 1979 | Winners, Robertson Trophy. |
| 1979 | Semi-finalist BABSF National Cup, lost to Hull Aces. |
| 1979 | Fourth in Canon de Spartan International Tournament (Holland). |
| 1980 | Winners, BABSF National Cup. |
| 1980 | British Champions v Hull Aces. |
| 1980 | Merseyside League Champions. |
| 1980 | Inter-City League Champions. |
| 1980 | Winners Robertson Trophy. |
| 1980 | Winners, Lancashire Cup. |
| 1980 | Third place in Berchem Tournament Belgium. |
| 1981 | North West League Winners. |
| 1981 | Semi-finalists BABSF National Cup, lost to London Warriors. |
| 1982 | North West League Champions. |
| 1982 | Winners Lancashire Cup. |
| 1982 | Winners, Robertson Trophy. |
| 1982 | Finalists in BABSF National Cup, lost to London Warriors. |
| 1983 | North West League Champions. |
| 1983 | Winners Sefton Festival Trophy. |
| 1983 | Semi-finalists BABSF National Cup, lost to Cobham Yankees. |
| 1984 | North West League Champions. |
| 1984 | Semi-finalists BABSF National Knock-out Cup, lost to Hull Mets. |
| 1984 | Semi-finalists BABSF National Cup, lost to Hull Mets. |
| 1988 | Winners, Robertson Trophy. |

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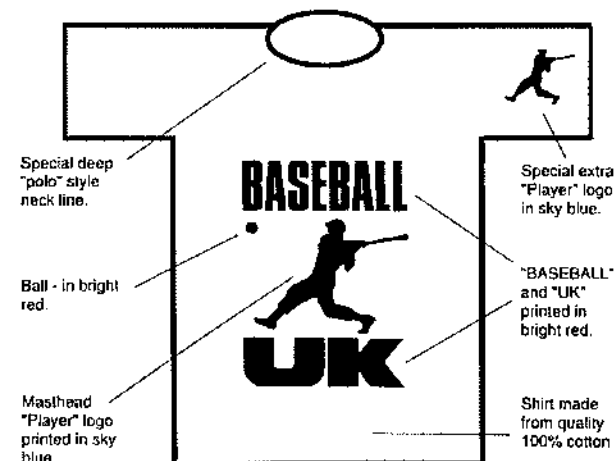
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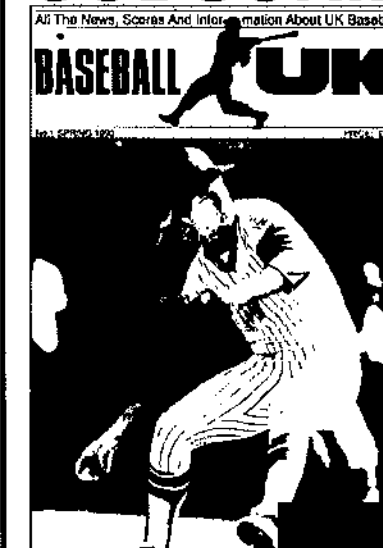
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