

AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS
 Played at Perth. October 11th - 20th 1962

	Final Positions					
	P	W	L	F	A	Pts.
Victoria	8	6	2	48	32	24
West Australia	8	5	3	45	34	20
N.S.W.	8	5	3	36	29	20
Queensland	8	3	5	31	47	12
South Australia	8	1	7	32	43	4

MAJOR LEAGUE SCOUT AT AUSTRALIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

James W. Quackenbush, president of the West Australian Baseball League, invited Bill DeWitt, president of the Cincinnati Reds, to send a representative to observe the championships at Perth. Phil Seghi, Reds farm director attended the series, and conducted several clinics.

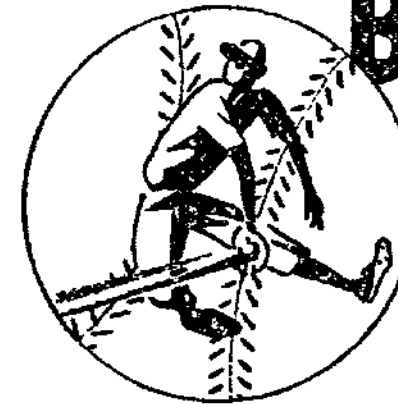
After returning from Australia, Seghi stated that he had seen several players in their twenties, who could play in Class A leagues. Some of these players could have been developed into major-leaguers if they had been signed-up in their teens. He mentioned that many Australian players slide into 1st base, thinking that this is a more effective method of getting on base than is running-out a hit.

How many British players have ever hit a 450^{ft.} fly out of the ground and only obtained a double? John Sykes, first-baseman of N.S.W. had this frustrating experience in a game against Victoria. Baseball in Australia is played on football and cricket grounds which are not adequately fenced for baseball. Consequently a long fly by Sykes, which dipped under the outfield railing instead of crossing above the railing, only brought him a ground-rule double.

TIGERS TRIUMPHANT IN BASEBALL CUP FINAL

Liverpool Tigers won the British Baseball Federation National Cup Competition for 1962, by beating East Hull Aces 8 to 3, at Craven Park Stadium, Hull. Liverpool Tigers had eliminated Hull Royals in the semi-final round, that game also being played at Hull.

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REAL MADRID'S REIGN ENDS

Real Madrid winner of three straight Spanish championships, in 1959, '60 and '61, was beaten in the 1962 final by Picadero Jockey Club. The series, the first games ever to be played on the freshly constructed La Elipa Ballpark, saw Picadero J.C. triumph over Real Madrid by 2 games to 1.

The 1962 youths' championships was won by C.D. Abando.

THE YOUNGEST BASEBALL ASSOCIATION?

Roy Hamey, general manager of the New York Yankees, has received a letter from the Nigerian Baseball and Softball Association congratulating the Yankees on winning the 1962 World Series.

The Nigerian Association was formed in 1961. It has about one hundred players and has four teams, the Brazilians, the Yanks, the Isheri Boys' School.

TOEI FLYERS WIN JAPANESE SERIES

The Toei Flyers, pennant winners in Japan's Pacific League, beat the Hanshin Tigers, Central League champions, by four games to two. One game was tied. The seven game series drew a total attendance of 228,754.

The Hanshin Tigers have been invited to train with the Detroit Tigers this spring.

INTRODUCING BASEBALL COURIER

This first issue of Baseball Courier is of an introductory nature. Consequently it has been restricted to four pages. Future issues will contain a minimum of eight pages. If the number of subscribers permits, then the number of pages will be increased.

To attain a balance between home and foreign news, reports are invited from sportsmen with a knowledge of baseball in their own localities.

Recipients of this complimentary issue are requested to mention Baseball Courier to friends who are interested in the ball-game. Suggestions regarding features, which baseball fans would like to see in Baseball Courier, are welcomed.

Baseball Courier will be issued in January, March, May, July, September and November. The subscription for six issues is 4/- inclusive of postage.

EDITORIAL

Baseball Courier will attempt to further the cause of baseball in Britain. It will assist in forging links between baseball in Britain and baseball abroad. In this way it is hoped to encourage workers for baseball in Britain to persist in their efforts.

Editor

CONTRIBUTIONS

Original articles and letters are invited, and the Editor will consider publication. Articles to take up one page should be about 400 words in length. Letters should be restricted to 200 words in length. If return of MSS. is required, a stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed.

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1962 CHAMPIONS

Italy, L'Euromon; Mexican League, Monterrey; Pacific Coast League, San Diego; International League, Jacksonville.

7th. EUROPEAN BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Amsterdam July 21st - 29th 1962

Results

Italy 15, Belgium 1; Holland 20, France 1; Holland 14, Sweden 0; Holland 7, Spain 2; France 14, Sweden 11; Italy 16, W. Germany 0; Spain 16, Sweden 0; Belgium 13, W. Germany 3; Spain 20, France 6; W. Germany 11, Sweden 5; W. Germany 30, France 0; Spain 11, Belgium 8; Italy 8, Spain 0; Holland 8, Belgium 2; Holland 9, Italy 4;

Classification

Champion, Holland; 2nd Italy; 3rd Spain; 4th Belgium; 5th West Germany; 6th France; 7th Sweden.

Amsterdam Jottings

British officials attending the tournament were Mr. L.D. Henke, president of the Southern Baseball Association and Mr. H. McAvan, Hon. Secretary of the British Baseball Federation.

Most colourful player, the bearded Italian 1st baseman, Andrea Goldstein, who proved a boon to the cartoonists. He also shared the homerun honours with Pierre Waroux (Belgium) and Luzi (Italy). Prize-winners in other categories were: Best pitcher, Rob Hoffman (Holland); Best catcher, Camerini (Italy); Best hitter, Fernandez (Spain); Best Allround player, Leo Kops (Holland); Best coach, Ron Fraser (Holland); Best umpire, Scirman (Italy).

The city of Amsterdam constructed a stadium for these championships. This stadium is the tenth permanent baseball diamond to be built in Holland.

A NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR BRITAIN

The National League proposed by the East Hull Aces may well become a reality. 1963 will probably be noted for the fact that the first truly national baseball league ever to operate in Britain commenced competition. The British Baseball League, which was organised in 1906, was in spite of its name a purely local league being confined to the London area.

The British League in its first season, ended in a tie for first place between Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur.