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## GREAT BRITAIN IN PARIS

The Great Britain Senior squad compete in the 1997 European Senior Baseball Championships in Paris next month, from Saturday 30 August - 7 September inclusive.

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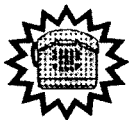
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Saturday 30 August	1630	Pershing	France
Sunday 31 August	1630	Montigny	Russia
Monday 1 September	1630	Montigny	Spain
Tuesday 2 September	1630	Montigny	Ukraine
Wednesday 3 September	1630	Sarcelles	Netherlands

The tournament is being held on three grounds in Paris, Pershing, Sarcelles and Montigny.

Great Britain will be

Thursday 4 September will be a rest day, followed by intergroup play on Friday, Saturday and Sunday

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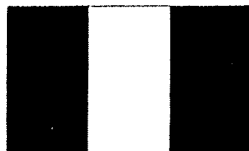


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against the other teams in the tournament; Sweden, Belgium, Solvenia, Italy, Czech Republic and Germany.

The squad is made up of the following players:

Matthew Atkinson

Alan Bloomfield

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Martyn Dutton

Lee Evans

Martin Godsall

Andrew Maltby

Gavin Marshall

Mark Mills

Mark Mulhurn

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## ANYONE FOR PARIS?

Nothing irritates me more than the reaction of Mr Men in the street at the word 'Baseball'. He generally starts a long list of common places about the 'American games' and the 'American superiority', the 'magic of American weakness' easily dismissing any overseas, and especially European, contribution.

European baseball is not an invention of Channel 5, or some merchandise entrepreneur, or something to do with the 'Common Market'. In fact La



Confederation European de Baseball was founded officially in Paris [France] on 24 April 1953, and had Monsieur Roger Panaye [President of the Belgium Federation the promoter and First President. Belgium, Italy, Spain, and Germany were the founder nations.

In Antwerp [1954] took place the first European Championship, and how did it go?  
Germany 4 Spain 10  
Italy 7 Spain 4

Italy 6 Belgium 1  
Germany 5 Belgium 12

The table:- 1] Italy; 2] Spain; 3] Belgium; 4] Germany.

In 1955 the European Championship was played in Barcelona. France joined the baseball nations and Spain were the winners, followed in order by:-

2] Belgium; 3] Germany; 4] Italy; 5] France.

The third edition was in Rome in 1956. It was a significant year for European Baseball, 'The Dutch' finally arrived and won the first of their 15 titles. The table:-

1] The Netherlands; 2] Belgium; 3] Italy; 4] Spain; 5] Germany.

Since then the Netherlands and Italy engaged in a very special dialogue, composing hundreds of contests at any level; Senior, Juniors, Softball, played with athleticism, skill and passion. Those matches became the official championship of European Baseball.

Through the 60's, the pitching duel between G Glorioso [Netthuis] and H Beischadt

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[Nichol], the home runs of R Guadini [Europhau], G Castelli [Parma], H Urbanus [O.V.V.O.], H Matt [Stork Den Haag]. The derbies between Netthuis and Sparta for league champions, set on five thousand spectators at Cisterna Stadium in Rome.

Pyna Mullier, Amsterdam. The two nations climb together step by step the baseball ladder, achieving important targets like the participation to world Cups, Olympic Games, Seoul and Atlanta leaving unfortunately the rest of Europe behind.

But what about Great Britain? In 1967, The Netherlands and Italy decided not to take part in the 10th European Championship played in Antwerp, and played instead a series of 30 matches against Cuba. 1967 was the first official Great Britain team participating at a European Championship, the results were:-  
Spain 4 Great Britain 10  
Belgium 13 Great Britain 2  
Sweden 3 Great Britain 2  
Germany 11 Great Britain 9  
And GB took 2nd place behind Belgium.

Our team reappeared at the 12th championship in Italy in 1971 and took 7th place:-

1] Netherlands; 2] Italy; 3] Germany; 4] Belgium;  
5] S Marino; 6] Spain; 7] GB;

8] Sweden; 9] France.

There is a story circulating that a gentleman named John Leslie [Canadian Sports Director] drafted a constitution in order to create an International Association. USA, France, Canada, Norway and Cuba were the nations most active in supporting this initiative. At this point Mr Leslie [President of USBAC] had a meeting with J Moores [the founder of the BBF], in order to organise the first world cup.

In 1938, an American team came across the ocean to GB for the best of 5 games series. GB won 4 out of 5 and became the first world Champions. The tournament was called the 'J Moores Cup' and was followed in 1939 by the second edition, Cuba [pre - Castro] won the first of their 21 titles.

In our day 33 nations are members of the Federation European du Baisball:-  
President: Aldo Notari [Italy];  
Vice Presidents: Jules De Pierre [Belgium]; Olivier Dubaut [France]; Miguel Pozueta [Spain].  
Secretary/Treasurer: Gaston Panaye [Belgium]

At this point I would like to invite as many as possible to the European Baseball

Championship in Paris from 30 August to 7 September, to support GB and all European Baseball.

I would like to close this pedantic little story in paying homage to all the European and UK sportsmen, both past and present, that in times of archaic communications technology devoted energy, time, and a sort of mystic passion to form, to organise, to painstakingly translate books and manuals, in order to penetrate and embrace a different culture, creating a new 'sporting environment' for a new sport to love.....Baseball.

Thank you for reading

*Rick Accostello*

*President, Chiltern Blue Jays*

### European Championship Winners

Netherlands 15; Italy 7 [13 times runners up]; Spain and Belgium once each. In 1967, Italy and the Netherlands did not participate.

### Curiosity:-

26 August 1934- Netherland v Belgium was the first European official recognised games between European National teams.

1936 - Baseball was a demonstration sport at the Berlin Olympic Games, 125,000 spectators turned out to see the game closing ceremony, and they were entertained by a baseball match between World amateurs who beat the USA Olympic team 6-5.

1912 - Stockholm, Baseball was a demonstration sport for the first time. The local baseball team lost to an American team composed of athletes from the American Olympic team by 13-3 in front of 2000 spectators.

**BBF/PONY YOUTH LEAGUE STANDINGS****As at 28 April 1997****At 31 July 1997****NORTH - EAST**

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Hessle Apaches	10	0	
Hull Mets	5	5	5
Hull Rebels	4	5	5.5
Hull Royals	0	10	10

**NORTH - NORTH**

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Menwith Hill	8	1	
Sheffield Pumas	6	3	2
Leeds Lugnuts	3	6	5
Hunslet Harriers	2	7	6

**NORTH - WEST**

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Trafford Saints	9	0	
Bolton Knights	7	2	2
Preston Panthers	5	4	4
Cartmel Valley Lions	3	5	5.5
Kirkby Braves	1	7	7.5
Crosshall Chippers	0	7	8

**SCOTLAND**

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Aberdeen Reds	6	0	
Dundee Dragons	4	4	3
Edinburgh Blue Jays	2	2	3
Alyth Adders	2	4	4
Fife Phantoms	1	5	5

**MIDLANDS**

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Sileby Vikings	4	1	
Waddington Wildcats	4	1	0
Junior Razorbacks	1	3	2.5
Nottingham Angels	0	3	3

**SOUTH - NORTH**

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Hemel Red Sox	8	0	
Kitsons Cambridge Monar	5	3	3
Milton Keynes Braves	3	4	4.5
Alconbury East	0	4	6
Alconbury West	1	6	6.5

**SOUTH WEST**

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Bracknell Scorchers	6	2	
Bournemouth B's	6	2	0
Windsor Little League	7	3	0
Chiltern Blue Jays	4	4	2
Plymouth Bladerunners	2	6	4
Swindon Royals	1	9	6

**SOUTH SOUTH**

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Burgess Hill Colts	9	1	
Maidstone Four Jays	9	1	0
Tonbridge Bobcats - Coug	7	3	2
South London Ravens	4	6	5
Brighton Jaguars	2	8	7
Greenwich Troopers	0	10	9

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BASEBALL LEAGUE**

Lancashire Tigercats	0
Kingston Cobras	7
Lancashire Tigercats	0
Kingston Cobras	7

Hounslow Blues 15 Essex  
Arrows 4  
Don Knight took the win with a seven run first inning..

Liverpool Trojans 7 Hessle  
Warriors 23  
Warriors Ron Fletcher homered with Rob Dixon taking the win.

Hounslow Blues 19 Essex  
Arrows 2  
Jon Sawyer took the win.

Liverpool Trojans 14 Hessle  
Warriors 31  
Rob Dixon took the win.

Enfield Spartans 13 London  
Warriors 18  
Alan Smith took the win despite Spartans Rob Barry hitting three consecutive home runs Spartans

Menwith Hill Patriots 12 Leeds  
Luddites 9  
Menwith Hill Patriots 17 Leeds  
Luddites 11

Iain Lanario also hit one.

Enfield Spartans 17 London  
Warriors 13  
Nottingham Stealers 9

Spartans Larry Fingleon, Steve  
Birmingham Bandits 19  
Simmons, Sean Ozolins all hit

home runs with Ozolins hitting Nottingham Stealers 5

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City Slick Sidewinders 25  
Bournemouth B's 24**Northern Conference Division  
One England**Newark Yankees 8 Preston  
Bobcats 4  
Dave Liwoshko took the win.

Barnsley Strikers 7 Stretford A's 6

This game went ten innings with Tony Allott taking the win and Barnsley scoring the winning run in the tenth,

**Northern Conference Division  
One Scotland**Dundee Dragons 9 Edinburgh  
Reivers 0Edinburgh Wildcats 0 Glasgow  
Comets 9**Southern Conference Division  
One**Bracknell Blazers 5 Arun  
Panthers 23Tunbridge Wells Royals 6  
Cambridge Monarchs 19  
Matt Gilbert took the win.Gillingham Dodgers 14  
Croydon Pirates 21  
Cesar Lozano winning pitcher  
with Iain Pilcher hitting two home  
runs.**Southern Conference Division  
Two**Brighton Buccaneers 9  
Bracknell Inferno 0Guildford Mavericks 0  
Cambridge Monarchs B 9Caterham A's 45 Windsor  
Bears 27Burgess Hill Red Hats 9  
Stevenage Knights 0Essex Arrows II 26 Brentwood  
Stags 15**Southern Conference Division  
Three**Maidstone Lasers 9 Tiptree  
Rays 38Chiltern Blue Jays 19 Bushey  
Falcons 42Winning pitcher was Dominic  
Black going 5 for 6 with the bat.Guildford Mudcats 41  
Bracknell Dynamite 7  
Henry Collins winning pitcher Phil  
Zulli hit a three run homer.**Junior Results**

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**South - North**Cambridge Monarchs 0 Hemel  
Red Sox 9**South - South**Tonbridge Bobcats 18  
Maidstone Four Jays 17Greenwich Little League 0  
South London Ravens 9Brighton Jaguars 0 Burgess  
Hill Colts 7Brighton Jaguars 0 Burgess  
Hill Colts 7**South - East**

Maldon 0 Brentwood Bucks 9

**South - West**Swindon Royals 20 Chiltern  
Blue Jays 32Swindon Royals 8 Chiltern  
Blue Jays 18  
Peter Dolphin homered for the  
Jays.Windsor Shooters 25  
Bournemouth B's 7**North East**Hessle Apaches 25 Hull Mets  
7Christopher Radge took the win  
with Lee Englestone hitting a two  
run home run.Leeds Lugnuts 2 Menwith Hill  
Yankees 35**Midlands**Waddington Wildcats 22 West  
Midlands Junior Razorbacks 21Nottingham Angels 7 Sileby  
Vikings 24**Scotland**Dundee Dragons 9 Edinburgh  
Blue Jays 0Dundee Dragons 9 Aberdeen  
Reds 17Fife Phantoms 10 Alyth  
Adders 19Fife Phantoms 6 Alyth Adders  
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BASEBALL LEAGUE**Birmingham Bandits 8 Hessle  
Warriors 4

Birmingham Bandits 10 Hessle

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Leeds Luddites 1 Nottingham  
Stealers 15Leeds Luddites 0 Nottingham  
Stealers 5Kingston Cobras 6 Menwith Hill  
Patriots 5  
Ryan Prior took the win.Kingston Cobras 13 Menwith  
Hill Patriots 15  
Paul Lapointe took the win.Lancashire Tigercats  
Liverpool Trojans 5Lancashire Tigercats 13  
Liverpool Trojans 3London Warriors 19 Essex  
Arrows 1  
Kevin Coldiron took the win with  
the assistance of five home runs  
two of which came from the bat  
of Alan Bloomfield.London Warriors 12 Essex  
Arrows 2  
Alan Smith took the win with  
another homer coming from Alan  
Bloomfield.Hounslow Blues 3 Brighton  
Buccaneers 5  
John Foster took the win striking  
out thirteen.

Hounslow Blues 16 Brighton

Buccaneers 15

**Northern Conference Division  
One - Scotland**Edinburgh Reivers 9  
Edinburgh Wildcats 0Glasgow Comets 17 Dundee  
Dragons 33**Northern Conference Division  
One - England**Stretford A's 9 Preston  
Bobcats 16**Southern Conference Division  
One**Croydon Pirates 22 City Slick  
Sidewinders 15  
Cesar Lozano took the win with  
home runs from Iain Pilcher and  
Tomo Ishima.Gillingham Dodgers 3  
Cambridge Monarchs 16Arun Panthers 9 Tunbridge  
Wells Royals 7Milton Keynes Truckers 17  
Bracknell Blazers 29**Southern Conference Division  
Two**Brighton Buccaneers B 37  
Brentwood Stags 27

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## South - South

Windsor Bears 9 Essex Arrows  
11 0

Tonbridge Bobcats - Cougars 15  
Burgess Hill Colts 19

Stevenage Knights 0 Caterham  
A's 9

South London Ravens 5  
Maidstone Four Jays 21

Cambridge Monarchs 17  
Burgess Hill Red Hats 4

Nathan Grovers took the win with  
James Williams hitting his fourth  
and fifth home runs of the year.

## Southern Conference Division Three

Brighton Jaguars 9 Greenwich  
Troopers 0

Bushey Falcons 6 Guildford  
Mudcats 20

## South - East

Tiptree Rays 36 Chiltern Blue  
Jays 18

Leyton Cardinals 9 Maldon 0

Brentwood Bucks 9 Clacton 0

Southend Peers 44 Maidstone  
Lasers 17

## South - West

John Turpin hit two home runs for  
the Peers with G Saunder and M  
Aitken also hitting one each and  
J Horsnall took the win with  
thirteen strikeouts.

Chiltern Blue Jays 0  
Bournemouth B's 14

Windsor Shooters 17 Bracknell  
Scorchers 10

London Exiles 29 Thames  
Valley Maulers 28

Plymouth Bladerunners L  
Swindon Royals W

## Junior Results

## North East

## South - North

Menwith Hill Pirates 10  
Sheffield Pumas 1

Hemel Red Sox 17 Alconbury  
West 16

Hunslet Harriers 21 Leeds  
Lugnuts 23

Milton Keynes Braves 12  
Cambridge Monarchs 23

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Hull Mets 13 Hull Rebels 14

## North West

Crosshall Chippers 0 Bolton  
Knights 9

Preston Panthers 8 Trafford  
Saints 13

Kirkby Braves 26 Cartmel  
Valley Lions 27

## 15 JUNE 1997

### COORS EXTRA GOLD BASEBALL LEAGUE

Enfield Spartans 7 Essex  
Arrows 0  
Enfield Spartans 7 Essex  
Arrows 0

Brighton Buccaneers 8 London  
Warriors 3

Winning pitcher was John Foster  
who struck out 16 in 7 innings.  
Losing pitcher Chris Ackley.  
Home runs for James Pearce of  
the Buccaneers and Darrin Ward  
of the Warriors.

Brighton Buccaneers 5 London  
Warriors 12  
Winning pitcher Alan Smith,  
losing pitc

Nottingham Stealers 6  
Kingston ( )  
Winning pitcher Ryan Pryor

Nottingham Stealers 4  
Kingston Cobras 9  
Winning pitcher Andy Wiltshire

Menwith Hill Pirates 22  
Lancashire Tigers 12  
Menwith Hill Pirates 6  
Lancashire Tigers 4

Hessle Warriors 14 Leeds  
Luddites 4  
Hessle Warriors 11 Leeds  
Luddites 13

### NORTHERN CONFERENCE DIVISION ONE

Sheffield Bladerunners 32  
Cartmel Valley Lions 5

### SCOTTISH CONFERENCE DIVISION ONE

Edinburgh Reivers 23 Dundee  
Dragons 4  
Winning pitcher Keith Graham,  
losing pitcher Wayne Harvey

Livingston Wildcats 0 Glasgow  
Comets 9

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE DIVISION ONE

Croydon Pirates 14  
Bournemouth  
Winning pitcher Cesar Lozano,

losing pitcher Ian Macleod. Top batter for the Pirates was Tomo Oshima who went 4 for 5 with a double.

Tunbridge Wells Royals 21  
Milton Keynes Truckers 23  
Winning pitcher D J Martin,  
losing pitcher Mark Jenner.

Cambridge Monarchs 9 City  
Slick Sidewinders 5  
Winning pitcher Matt Gilbert

Gillingham Dodgers 12 Arun  
Panthers 19

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE DIVISION TWO

Bracknell Inferno 22  
Brentwood Stags 12  
Winning pitcher Wayne Wardle  
who pitcher 6 innings and only  
gave up 3 runs. Offensively the  
Inferno scored consistently  
throughout the game with their  
powerful hitting, 21 singles, 2  
doubles and 2 triples, both by  
Paul Raybould. As a team  
Bracknell hit 2 home runs, one of  
which by Matt Dunning was the  
longest every home run hit at  
Bracknells ground.

Windsor Bears 21 Brighton  
Buccaneers B 10  
Winning pitcher Toby Everett  
with David Argles hit two home

runs for the Bears.

Windsor Bears 19 Brighton  
Buccaneers B 12  
Winning pitcher Toby Everett  
with 2 home runs from John Boyd  
for the Bears and Andy Wilson for  
the Buccaneers, and Andy  
McQueen and Kevin Gogan hit  
one homer each.

Caterham A's 9 Cambridge  
Monarchs 0

Essex Arrows 12 Stevenage  
Knights 19

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE DIVISION THREE

Maidstone Lasers 7 London  
Exiles 37

Thames Valley Maulers 0  
Bushey Falcons 9

Guildford Mudcats 22 Tiptree  
Rays 5  
Winning pitcher Henry Collins,  
losing pitcher Wes Seymour.  
Larry House hit a homer for the  
Mudcats.

Chilton Blue Jays 0 Southend  
Peers 9

### YOUTH LEAGUES

### NORTH EAST PONY LEAGUE

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Sheffield Pumas 19 Leeds  
Lugnuts 4

Hunslet Harriers 19 Menwith  
Hill Pirates 37

Hull Rebels 9 Hessle Apaches  
16

### NORTH WEST PONY LEAGUE

Trafford Saints 16 Bolton  
Knights 15

In a close game which went to 8  
innings, the Saints were 12-2  
behind at the bottom of the 3rd.  
Winning pitcher was Jason  
Cromers who hit two home runs,  
the second of which was hit in  
the bottom of the 8th and was the  
winning run of the game. For the  
Saints Drew Latimer also hit a  
home run and for the Knights  
Aaron Davidson went 4 for 5.

Cartmel Valley Lions 9  
Crosshall Chippers 0

### MIDLANDS PONY LEAGUE

Sileby Vikings 22 West  
Midlands Junior Razorbacks 6

Waddington Wildcats 22  
Nottingham Angels 4

### SCOTTISH PONY LEAGUE

Fife Phantoms 16 Dundee

Dragons 15

Alyth Adders 12 Aberdeen Reds  
23

### SOUTH SOUTH PONY LEAGUE

Burgess Hill Colts 12  
Maidstone Four Jays 13

Brighton Jaguars 0 South  
London Ravens 9

Greenwich Troopers 0  
Tonbridge Bobcats 9

### SOUTH WEST PONY LEAGUE

Bracknell Scorchers 22 Chiltern  
Blue Jays 12

The Scorchers slugged out 18  
hits during this game. Home runs  
were hit by Blower and Dolphin  
for the Blue Jays and Blackman  
for the Scorchers. Winning  
pitcher was Luke Russell who  
struck out 7.

Plymouth Bladerunners 24  
Windsor Little League 27

Bournemouth B's 22 Swindon  
Royals 15

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Brighton Buccaneers P Essex  
Arrows P

Lancashire Tigercats 8  
Nottingham Stealers 17

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DIVISION ONE**

Lancashire Tigercats 7  
Nottingham Stealers 21

Cartmel Valley Lions 10  
Sheffield Bladerunners 23  
Winning pitcher Tommy Booth,  
losing pitcher Jonathan  
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Kingston Cobras P Hesse  
Warriors P

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Warriors P

Preston Bobcats 9 Wets  
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Yankees 25

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Bracknell Blazers 9 Tunbridge  
Wells Royals 0

Milton Keynes Truckers 9  
Gillingham Dodgers 0

Cambridge Monarchs 19  
Bournemouth B's 3  
Winning pitcher Matt Gilbert

Arun Panthers 1 City Slick  
Sidewinders 27

**SOUTHERN CONFERENCE  
DIVISION TWO**

Bracknell Inferno P Windsor  
Bears P

Guildford Mavericks P Burgess  
Hill Red Hats P  
(will play a DH next week)

Stevenage Knights P Brighton  
Buccaneers B P  
(due to baseball festival in  
Brighton)

Cambridge Monarchs II 9  
Essex Arrows II 0

**SOUTHERN CONFERENCE  
DIVISION THREE**

Chiltern Blue Jays P London  
Exiles P

Tiptree Rays 21 Bracknell  
Dynamite 12

Guildford Mudcats P Southend  
Peers P  
(will play a DH next week)

Thames Valley Maulers  
Maidstone Lasers

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Menwith Hill Pirates 7 Leeds  
Lugnuts 2

Hull Mets 9 Leeds Lugnuts 0

Hull Rebels 0 Menwith Hill  
Pirates 9

**NORTH WEST PONY LEAGUE**

Cartmel Valley Lions 9  
Trafford Saints 15

Winning pitcher was Robert  
Wolstenhulme with Drew Latimer

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At 31 July 1997

### PREMIER DIVISION - NORTH

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Birmingham Bandits	16	3	
Kingston Cobras	15	3	0.5
Menwith Hill Patriots	14	3	1
Nottingham Stealers	10	8	5.5
Hessle Warriors	7	12	9
Leeds Luddites	5	13	10.5
Lancashire Tigers	7	16	11
Liverpool Trojans	1	17	14.5

### SOUTH - DIVISION ONE

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Kitsons Cambridge Monar	10	1	
Croydon Pirates	9	3	1.5
Bracknell Blazers	8	3	2
City Slick Sidewinders	7	5	3.5
Arun Panthers	6	5	4
Bournemouth B's	5	6	5
Tunbridge Wells Royals	3	8	7
Gillingham Dodgers	1	9	8.5
Milton Keynes Truckers	2	10	8.5

### PREMIER DIVISION - SOUTH

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
London Warriors	14	6	
Enfield Spartans	12	5	0.5
Hounslow Blues	11	8	2.5
Brighton Buccaneers	10	10	4
Essex Arrows	2	16	11

### SOUTH - DIVISION TWO

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Caterham A's	11	2	
Brighton Buccaneers B	10	3	1
Windsor Bears	7	5	3.5
Guildford Mavericks	6	4	3.5
Cambridge Monarchs B	8	7	4
Stevenage Knights	4	5	5
Brentwood Stags	5	7	5.5
Bracknell Inferno	4	8	6.5
Burgess Hill Red Hats	2	7	7
Essex Arrows II	2	10	8.5

### NORTH - DIVISION ONE

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Barnsley Strykers	9	0	
Newark Yankees	7	3	2.5
Preston Bobcats	6	4	3.5
Sheffield Bladerunners	5	4	4
West Midlands Razorbacks	2	5	6
Stretford A's	3	8	7
Carlisle Valley Lions	0	8	8.5

### SOUTH - DIVISION THREE

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
London Exiles	11	0	
Guildford Mudcats	10	2	1.5
Tiptree Rays	7	4	4
Bushey Falcons	5	4	5
Chiltern Blue Jays	5	5	5.5
Southend Peers	3	4	6
Bracknell Dynamite	2	5	7
Maidstone Lasers	3	8	8
Thames Valley Maulers	1	12	11

### SCOTLAND - DIVISION ONE

	GAMES		
	WINS	LOSSES	BACK
Edinburgh Reivers	9	1	
Dundee Dragons	7	2	1.5
Glasgow Comets	4	6	5
Livingston Wildcats	0	11	9.5

and Paul Kendal hitting home runs for the Saints.

Kirkby Braves 26 Crosshall  
Chippers 10

Bolton Knights 10 Preston  
Panthers 3  
Bolton Knights 14 Preston  
Panthers 9

### MIDLANDS PONY LEAGUE

West Midlands Junior  
Razorbacks 25 Waddington  
Wildcats 23

Sileby Vikings 9 Nottingham  
Angels 0

### SCOTTISH PONY LEAGUE

Alyth Adders P Edinburgh Blue  
Jays P  
Alyth Adders P Edinburgh Blue  
Jays P

Aberdeen Reds P Fife  
Phantoms P

### SOUTH WEST PONY LEAGUE

Bracknell Scorchers 17  
Windsor 16

Bracknell tied the score with three runs in the bottom of the seventh off impressive Will Everett after he had retired nine straight. Dave Blackman collected the win as Simon Welch (4 for 5, triple, home run) scored Melvyn Lane and scored the winning run off a passed ball in the bottom of the eighth. Luke Russell (triple) and Leigh Coke (double) both went 2 for 4. The standard of this terrific game amazed even MLBI Envoy Vince Garcia who said he was "embarrassed that the

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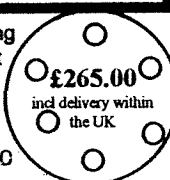
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Scorchers had improved that much without me around". Windsor's defeat knocks them out of the playoffs.

### SOUTH WEST BRONCO LEAGUE

Bracknell Firebugs 11 Windsor 5

Grant Steadman took the win for the Firebugs.

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Hessle Warriors 7 Lancashire  
Tigercats 0

Hessle Warriors 7 Lancashire  
Tigercats 0

Nottingham Stealers 3  
Menwith Hill Patriots 13

Nottingham Stealers 1  
Menwith Hill Patriots 6

Liverpool Trojans 0 Leeds  
Luddites 12

Liverpool Trojans 5 Leeds  
Luddites 10

Hounslow Blues 4 London  
Warriors 3  
Don Knight took the win with Alan Smith taking the loss.

Hounslow Blues 8 London  
Warriors 3  
Miles October took the win with Darrin Ward taking the loss with October and Mike Catermole both hitting home runs along with team mate Steve Pollard who hit a grand slam.

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## THORNE, MORGAN AND CROTEAU TO CALL ALL- STAR GAME ACTION FOR MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL INTERNATIONAL

Veteran baseball announcers Gary Thorne and Joe Morgan will provide play by play and colour commentary and former Silver Bullets player Julie Croteau will provide field reports of Major League Baseball International's live telecast of the 68th All-Star Game, to be played July 8 at Jacobs Field in Cleveland, it was announced today.

Major League Baseball International, which works to promote the world wide growth of baseball through broadcasting, marketing, sponsorship and game development initiatives, will provide a live broadcast of the 68th Midsummer Classic to more than 75 million fans in 205 countries. Through the use of its own production team and facilities, MLI will transmit the game in 12 languages with the telecast reaching viewers on every continent.

Thorne, who called the action for Major League Baseball International's 1996 post-season telecasts, has been a play-by-play voice of the New York Mets

on WWOR-TV since 1994 and was a Mets broadcaster on WHN-AM from

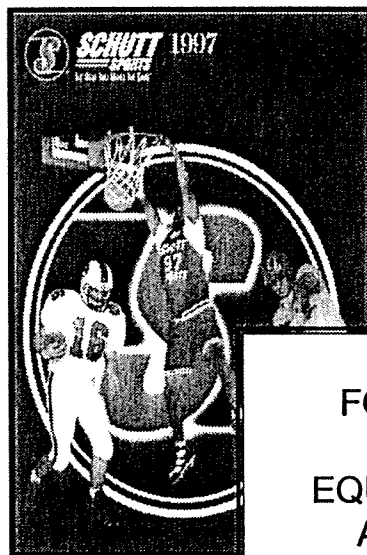


1985-1988. Thorne has worked as a baseball announcer at ESPN since 1990 and has been the play-by-play commentator for ESPN's National Hockey Night telecasts since 1992.

Joe Morgan, the Hall of Fame second batsman and former Cincinnati Reds great, has been the analyst for ESPN's Sunday Night Baseball national game of the week since 1990. He also provides baseball analysis for NBC and previously worked as a broadcaster for the Oakland Athletics [1995] and San Francisco Giants [1986-1994]. Morgan won a 1990 Cable ACE Award for his work on the ESPN Sunday Night Baseball game of the week. He began his career as a broadcaster in 1985, covering Cincinnati Reds games for WLWT-TV, the local NBC affiliate.

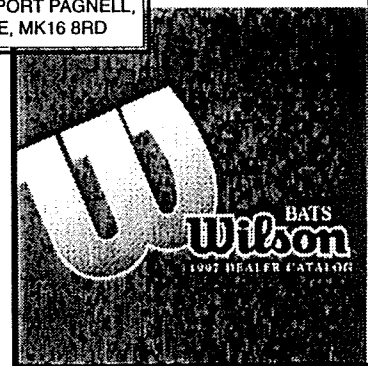
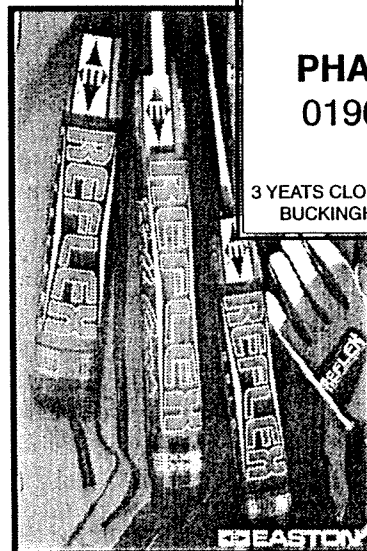
As a player, Morgan was named National League Rookie of the year in 1965 as a member of the Houston Astros. He was traded to the Cincinnati Reds in 1972, where he became an integral member of the "Big Red Machine". Morgan was named to the National All-Star team ten





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times [1966, '70, '72-'79], was the All-Star Game MVP in 1972 and won back-to-back National League Most Valuable Player Awards in 1975 and '76. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1990, his first year of eligibility.

Julie Croteau, the first woman to play NCAA baseball [1988], will be the on-field reporter for the telecast. Croteau, now the Associate Director of Game Development for Major League Baseball International, has a strong background in baseball both as a player and broadcaster.

In addition to becoming the first woman to play NCAA baseball, Croteau spent two seasons as a first baseman for the women's professional baseball team, the Silver Bullets, and was the first woman ever to coach Division 1 NCAA baseball [1995-96]. This spring she became the first woman to work as a baseball analyst for Division 1 baseball. Julie's playing career is represented in the Hall of Fame, where the glove she used as an NCAA player is part of a display honoring women in baseball.

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