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## AUSTIN KILROY TESTIMONIAL

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# BASEBALL

on **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1966**

at **FARTOWN — HUDDERSFIELD**

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## EAST HULL ACES

v.

## BROMSGROVE

**PITCH OFF 3-0 p.m.**

**PROGRAMME 2/-**

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Baseball has been in Britain for many years now, in 1937 it enjoyed a boom that brought regular attendance to Craven Park Stadium, Hull, of over 10,000. Professional teams covered the country and amateur leagues sprang up all over the areas. Came the war and of course an enforced lapse in organised sport. After the war the sport in Hull restarted with the Hull Amateur league, with a membership of over 40 teams. East Hull Aces Baseball Club were formed in 1948, and have become, since that time, Champions at every level in local and national competition. Aces have always promoted inter-area fixtures and through the introduction of the 'R. Armstrong Trophy' and 'The Two Rivers Pennant' have travelled the country. It was through these competitions that the idea of the National League was born, and in 1963 came into being. Since this introduction the league has progressed to now cover all areas and a total membership of 40 teams. Our Club last season re-introduced inter-city fixtures to Craven Park Stadium and attracted an average attendance of 800 supporters. By this encouraging start we are convinced our sport has a future and could in the very near future attain a high popularity.

In 1961 East Hull Aces toured Holland and found the sport in a very organised way, large crowds attended all our games. On October 3rd last year, on winning the British Title it gave our club the right to represent Great Britain in the European Cup, and also gave opportunity of revenge for the defeats and a chance to put Britain into the European picture. We realise we carry a great responsibility and we are trying every possible means of raising finance to carry through the many ideas this competition opens. We are determined to present our sport in Holland on par with all the other countries.



## FOR THE UNINITIATED SPECTATORS

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A game consists of nine innings each for each team, but a game can count if terminated by the Umpire after five innings. An innings terminates when three men of the batting side are out.

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The distribution of the fielding side is as follows:-

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| 1. PITCHER   | 6. SHORT STOP     |
| 2. CATCHER   | 7. LEFT FIELDER   |
| 3. 1st. BASE | 8. CENTRE FIELDER |
| 4. 2nd. BASE | 9. RIGHT FIELDER  |
| 5. 3rd. BASE |                   |

**Note:** When pitcher is delivering the ball to bat he must keep one foot in contact with the Pitcher's Plate.

**THE BATSMAN IS ALLOWED THREE STRIKES OR FOUR BALLS**  
A Strike is a ball which passes over the home plate above the knee and below the armpit of the batter or any ball struck at by the batsman without touching the bat. A ball is called when the pitched ball is below the knee or above the armpit, or which passes wide of the home plate.

If the pitcher sends down **FOUR BALLS** before **THREE STRIKES**, the batsman is allowed first base.

Batsman becomes a baserunner when a **FAIR HIT** is made or when he gets first base on balls.

A **FAIR HIT** is one which settles on fair territory in the infield, or lands in fair territory in outfield.

A baserunner is out at first base if the ball is held on bag before he reaches it. At second, third and home plate, baserunner must be touched by ball which is held by a fielder before he reaches the bases, except when play is **FORCED**, that is when baserunners are compelled to advance through batsman making a fair hit and becoming a runner when all that is necessary is for a fielder to hold the ball and touch the base.

The ball is dead and not in play if it goes foul, that is outside the foul lines, unless it is caught. In such a case the batsman is declared out.

A **Run** is scored only when each individual batsman has made a complete round of the diamond, touching each base in regular order before three men are out.

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Pitching distance 60ft. 6 ins.

Distance between bases 90ft.