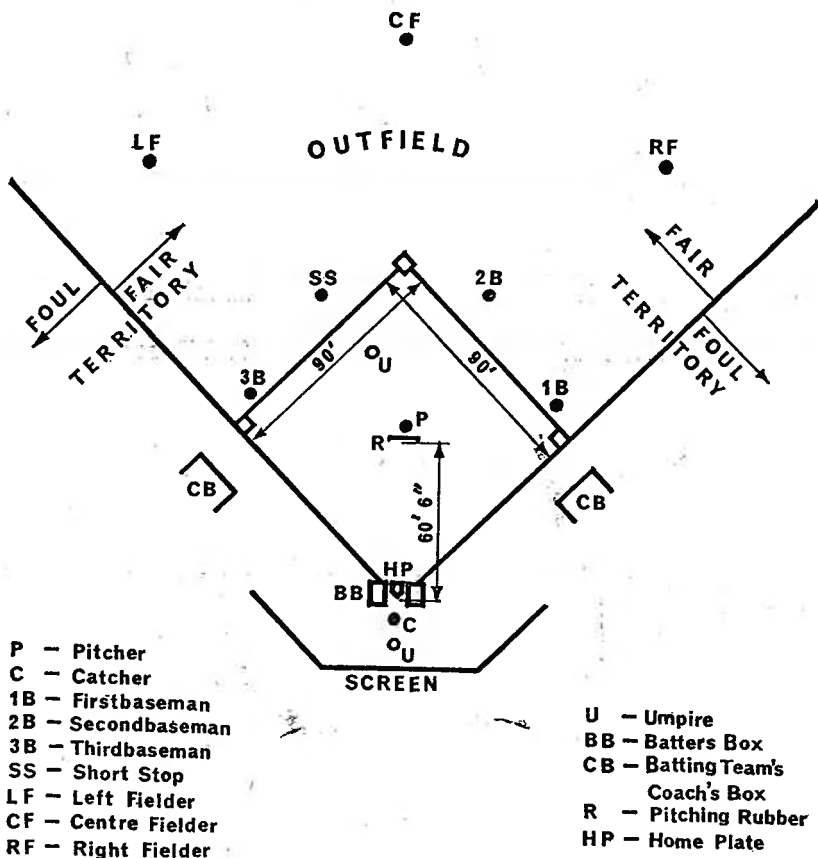


# ALL STARS BASEBALL

## BASEBALL FIELD



### North of England All Stars

— VERSUS —

### South of England All Stars

at **WILMSLOW RUGBY UNION CLUB**

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On **SUNDAY, 17th JULY, 1966.** Game Time 3-0 p.m.

Admission by Programme - 2/6d.

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# How to Follow Baseball



1.—The **OBJECT** is to win the game by scoring the most runs in nine innings.

2.—A **RUN** is scored when a batter becomes a baserunner and makes a complete circuit of the bases—First, Second, Third and Home.

3.—An **INNINGS** is composed of a time at bat and a time in the field for each team, having three outs while at bat, and making three putouts in the field. The visiting team bats first in the (top of) the innings, the home team last.

4. A **BATTER** is out if; caught out; thrown out at first base; struck out; touched by a fairly batted ball; or if he bats from outside the batter's box. The batter **MUST TRY** to reach first base on any fairly batted ball.

5.—A **BATTER** may become a baserunner by a safe hit (single, double, triple, or home run); base on balls; being hit by a pitched ball; error; fielder's choice; or catcher interference.

6.—A **BASERUNNER** may advance: on a fairly batted ball; by stealing a base during the pitch; after a fly ball is caught; on a balk committed by the pitcher; or through interference.

7.—A **BASERUNNER** is **OUT** if; forced out; tagged with the ball while off base; touched by a fairly batted ball; or declared out for interference.

8.—A pitched ball is a **STRIKE** on the batter if: he swings; if it is in the **STRIKE ZONE** (across home plate between batter's knees and shoulders); or if he hits a foul ball except for the third strike. Three strikes and you're out.

9.—Four balls (which the batter does not swing at) outside the strike zone constitute a **BASE** on **BALLS** or a **WALK** to first base.

10.—A baserunner is **FORCED OUT** if a fielder with the ball touches the base the runner is obliged to reach because of another runner behind him.

11.—A pitcher commits a **BALK** when he breaks the rules on legal pitching procedure; baserunners advance one base.

12.—The complete and official Rules of Baseball are complex, multifarious and constantly open to reinterpretation and revision. Even though they are apparently comprehensive, nearly every day umpires are called upon to make decisions not directly covered by the rules.

# Northern Stars to Watch Today

The players representing the North have been selected from teams in Liverpool, Hull, Birmingham and Manchester and the key men include . . .

**WALLY O'NEIL** of Stretford, is player manager of the squad, hails from Windsor, Ontario, and has done a tremendous amount of work for the game in this country. He is also an outstanding performer either as a pitcher, in fielder or hitter.

**DICK HAMMOND** of Hull Aces, represented England against Holland last season, at the Crystal Palace, is a good hitter and excellent centre-fielder.

**HUGHIE KING** of Liverpool Aces, one of the best third basemen in the game, has also played for England.

**JOHN "ROCKY" COLLINS**, of Stretford, dubbed the non-secret weapon of the Saints by sportswriters. He is one of the most vociferous of players as well as most dangerous with a bat. Look out for him coming up when runs are needed! Represented England last season.

**JOHNNY BARRASS** of Stretford, a very experienced and versatile player, he can pitch, play first base or the outfield and is a current England choice.

**STAN WINDROSS** of Stretford, is manager of the league champions Saints and a dangerous left handed hitter. He is a Canadian from Galt, Ontario.

**FRANK PARKER** of Hull Aces, very strong hitter and outfielder, he played for England last season.

**BARRY COURT** of Birmingham, plays first base, and is a powerful home run hitter; another English international.

# BASEBALL IN ENGLAND

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It surprises many people to know that this very American of games has been played here since the late 19th Century when touring teams played at Lords!

It enjoyed quite a boom until the outbreak of the Second World War, when it was being played here on a semi-pro basis. The war was a great set back and progress since has been slow, until the last few years, when the National Baseball League was born, and this game is the fruits of that venture.

Stretford Saints from Manchester, are the current champions of the National League, and both they and rivals Hull Aces, have played in Holland in the last few years, where the game is on a much larger basis and they have U.S. coaches and very fine facilities.

You can watch baseball in Manchester!

At Stretford on Turn Moss Fields, Edge Lane, home of the National League champions — Stretford Saints.

They play at home on Sundays, and also have a junior team — the Angels, to which any youngsters are welcome, who would like to learn the game.

Saints have played continuously since 1947, and have had great success, especially during the last three seasons, when they have won the National League championship on each occasion.

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