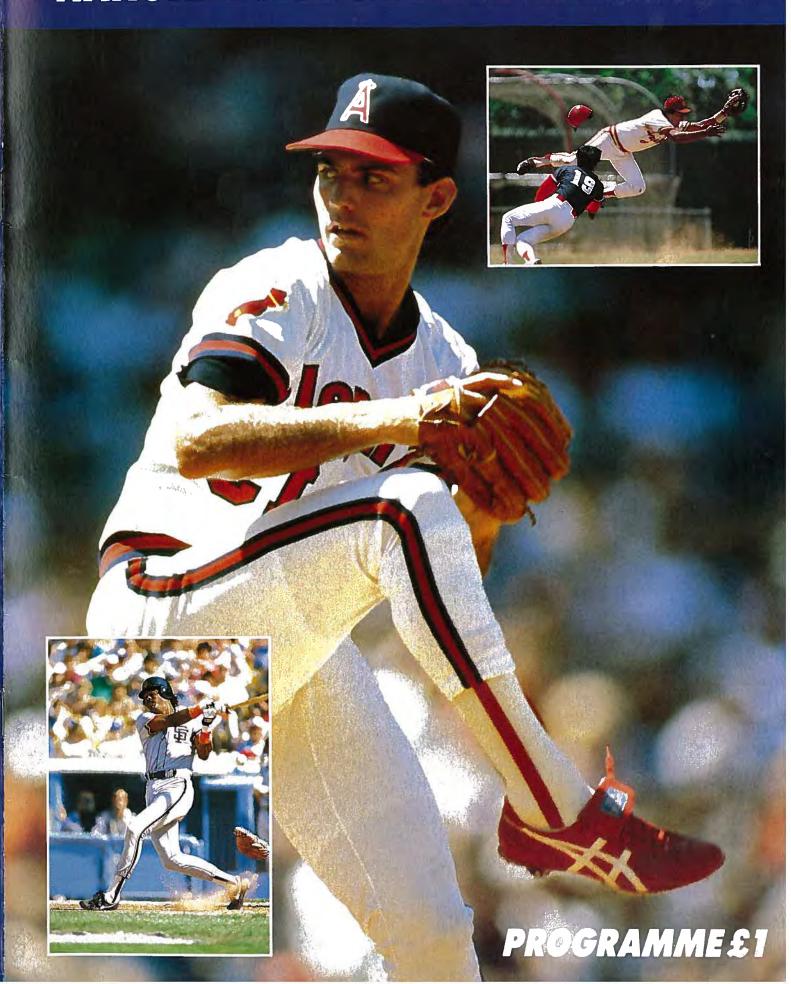
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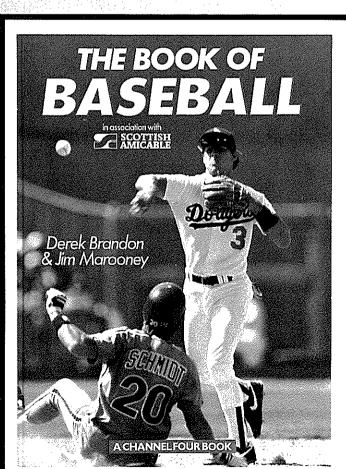
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We hope everyone has a great day today in a friendly, family atmosphere.

Play ball!

Yours

Maurice Patterson General Manager (Sales and Marketing)



Welcome to the Oval and thank you all for coming.

An especial welcome to all our sponsors and their guests, especially Scottish Amicable without whom this would all not have been possible.

Our thanks to the Oval for all their help and soundance in staging this event and to all those in the British Baseball Federation South for their efforts and support.

Baseball fans are in for a real treat today with a feast of baseball and the appearance of the legendary Hank Aaron taking on Ian Botham in our innovative Home Run Derby.

If you enjoy the game, the spectacle, the atmosphere today you can watch more baseball shortly on Channel 4 when it screens the highlights of this year's World Series during October — something for fans to look forward to.

We hope you enjoy our presentation today and look forward to seeing you all with your friends next year.

Don Ferguson President

British Baseball Federation South

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12.30pm Cobham Brass Band

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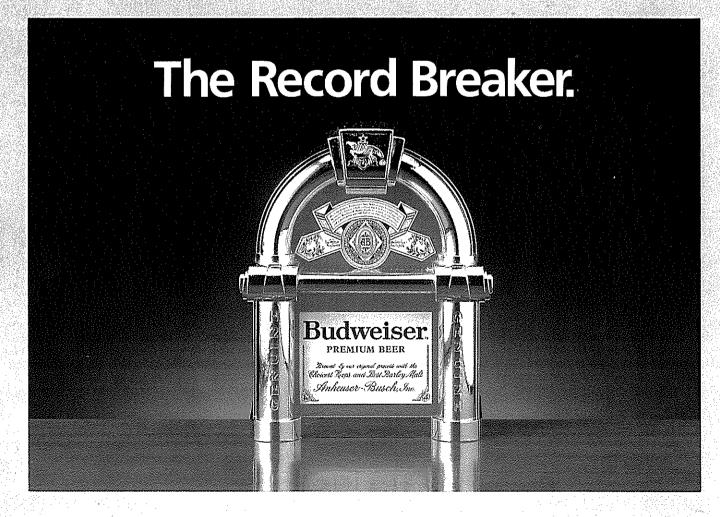
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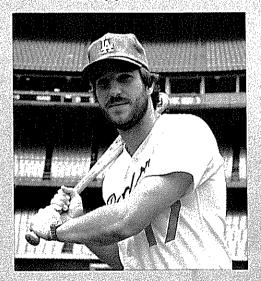
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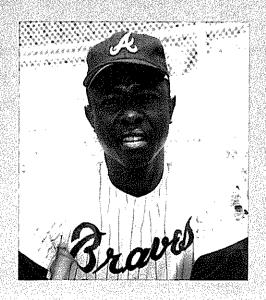
- I Each batter will have 4 innings at the home plate.
- 2 Each innings will consist of 10 strikes. Batters will alternate innings.
- 3 The winner will be the batter who hits most Home Runs, i.e., hits the ball over the Home Run fence in the play area without bouncing.
- **4** The umpires decision is final.
- **5** All pitches will be from the Atec pitching machine and will be at 60mph; 65mph; 75mph; and an innings of curveballs.

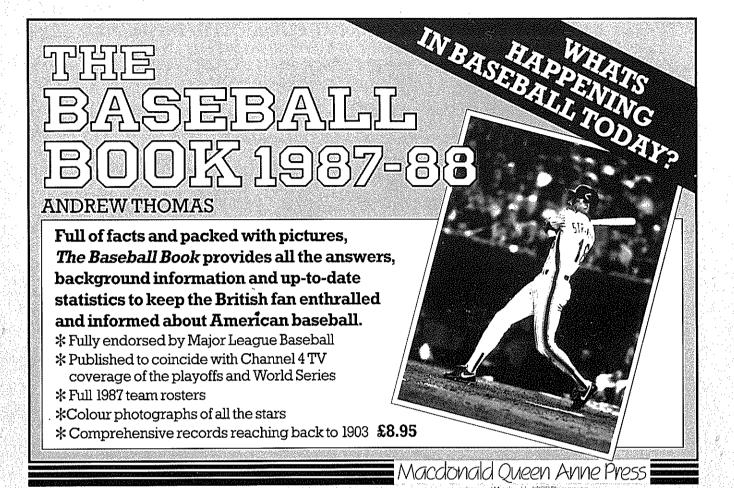
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HANK AARON, 52 years old but still superbly fit, is a legend in US baseball with many all time records in his 23 year career that is unlikely to be matched. "Hammerin' Hank", as he became known, rewrote baseball's record hitting 755 home runs and beating Babe Ruth's record. Hank also holds the record for most games (3298), most plate appearances (13940), most times at bat (12364) and most runs batted in (2297) — it will be a privilege to watch him in this Home Run Derby special.

IAN BOTHAM, at 31 must be the best known England test cricketer of the last decade with a match-winning talent with both bat and ball. "Both's" powerful hitting has swung many games England's way and with his keen eye, perfect timing and lightning reflexes he is one of the first sportsmen you would think could have been a baseball star. lan has his chance today to show his baseball ability — so expect some fireworks.







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TEAM ROSTERS

THE COBHAM YANKEES

The Cobham Yankees, premier team of the Surrey Baseball Association, were first organised in 1982 and entered the second division of the then Sauthern England Baseball Association. The Yankees were an outgrowth of the Surrey Baseball Association's successful junior programme, which organises baseball for children aged 6-14. The Yankees were originally expected to provide a baseball outlet for players 15 and up who had become too old for the Association's junior programme. The team rapidly attracted a number of older players and immediately became a winning side. The team won the league's second division championship in 1982 and gained promotion to the first division. In their second year of existence, Cobham won the Southern England League's first division championship and defeated the Liverpool Trojans and the Hull Mets in the National Playoffs to become National Champions. The team failed to repeat as league champions, finishing second in 1984 and third in 1985.

The 1986 Yankees finished in a tie with the Sutton Braves for the first division championship, and went on to defeat the Southglade Hornets, their opponents today, and the Burtonwood Braves to reach last year's final: They faced the Hull Mets at Sutton United FC, and beat them 12-5 to become National Champions for the second time.

This year the Yankees finished third in Division One of the re-named British Baseball Federation South, and beat the Sutton Braves and the Edinburgh Cobras to reach today's final.

1987 COBHAM YANKEES - PLAYER PROFILES

Mike Hammer (8) — A talented left-handed pitcher, Mike has played for the team for six years, having pitched the team's very first game in 1982. Mike was the starting and winning pitcher in the 1983 Championship game against the Hull Mets.

Peter Hammer (3) — A skilful and versatile player, Pete is in his third year with Cobham. Although basically an infielder, Pete can also play outfield and pitch. He won the team fielding award in 1986 and has anchored the infield from second base this year, hitting .406:

Gene Hickham (17)— In his first year with Cobham, Gene has proven a solid performer. He can play infield and also catches when required. He hit. 208 this year.

Brad Thompson (6) — The field general of the Yankees, Brad is completing his second year with the team. In addition to catching, Brad also doubles as coach and has 384 this year.

Alan Smith (7) — A native Londoner, Alan divides his time between centrefield and the pitcher's mound, and he has proven equally effective at both positions. His pitching record this year is 2 wins and 0 losses and he has hit .385.

Ken Kocher (12) — Kocher, in his second year with Cobham, has provided the team with a utility player who can fill any available spot. Ken was the team's leading base stealer in 1986 and tied with Pete Hammer for that honour in 1987, each having 11 steals:

Jex Santos (2)—Son of Manager Dan Santos, Jez is completing his second year with Cobham. He played the first half of the season with Oxshott, the Yankees second division affiliate, before moving up to bolster the outfield.

Tony Kuramitsu (19) — The youngest player ever to wear a Cobham uniform, Tony, 14, is considered the finest young pitcher in British baseball. His season record is 8 wins, I loss, including a quarter final victory over Sutton. Tony also started the season with second-division Oxshott, where he won 4 games and lost none before being called up to the Yankees.

Dale Newman (16) — Dale started the season with Oxshott but quickly moved up to help the Yankees in the outfield. His defensive skills were enhanced by his . 296 batting average.

Dan Santos (22) — A member of the original Cobham team of 1982, Dan became manager midway through the 1986 season and led the Yankees to the Club Championship that year. He has played first base, outfield and caught this year.

Wes Jones (14) — Wes qualifies as the find of the year for the Yankees, having pitched the only no-hitter in the BBF South this year. His no-hit win over the Golders Green Sox in the final regular season game of the year set the Yankees on the road to the playoffs. Wes also had two key victories over the Croydon Bluejays. He also plays shortstop and has hit. 296 this year.

Mike Saur (24) — Last year's MVP for the Yankees, Mike got a late start for the club this year in July Nevertheless, his power helped to boost the team into playoff contention. Mike can play infield, outfield, or pitch, and hit. 333 on the year.

Nick Saman (18) — Nick was called up from the Oxshott team to shore up the Yankees' infield during the second half of the regular season. He plays second base or outfield.

Lee Pierce (11) — Lee is a powerhouse hitting shortstop who anchored the Yankees' infield last year: This year he played only three regular season games because of other commitments, but still managed to hit .556.

Eric Erskine (25) — Another graduate of the Oxshott Orioles, Eric earned a place with the Yankees on his sparkling performance during the Crawley Tournament when he singled, homered, and stole a base all in one innings. A third baseman with a strong arm, Erskine is probably the fastest player on the team.

Four players who will miss the Final:

Mark Griffin — Mark is one of the youngest Yankees, with tremendous potential. He batted .167 in seven games this year.

 ${\it Dave Jensen}$ — Another original Yankee, Dave hit . 304 this year, pitched and played shortstop.

Derek Bufkin — Derek hit .447 this year and led the club in home runs.

 $\textbf{\textit{Kyle Kolaja}} - \text{One of the outstanding players for the Yankees this year, Kyle was the mainstay of the team's pitching staff. He also hit .324 and led the team in doubles.}$

THESOUTHGLADEHORNETS

The Southglade Baseball Club was started in 1974, and has had only one home since then, the Southglade Sportshall Field in Bestwood, Nottingham. Over the years players have come and gone, but today the Harnets are a very successful team, keen and with a good team spirit. It is also a young team — the average age is 24 years. Although this is the first time the club has contested the National Final, they did reach the quarter finals of last year's competition, in which they were beaten by Cobham. Today they will be looking to avenge that defeat.

1987 SOUTHGLADE HORNETS - PLAYER PROFILES

Michael Harold (12) - Manager, Michael used to play for the Nottingham Lions,

Steve Frost (20) — Pitcher. Steve has twice played for Great Britain, and he also manages the Southglade Kestrels, who are contesting today's Junior Final.

John Allsopp (9) — First Baseman. John has played for the Hornets since the formation of the team.

Chris Needham (4) — Catcher. Chris played for and managed the Nottingham Cougars before joining the Hornets in 1984 and becoming the regular catcher.

lan Ashford (19) — Third Base/Catcher, lan represented his country in Paris last summer. He used to play for the Top valley Tigers in Nottingham.

Gary Sewell (13) — Outfielder/Catcher. Although Gary has been playing baseball for several years, he is not yet nineteen years old. A very talented prospect.

Stephen Sewell (7) — Basically on outfielder, but he has the tolent to play any position. Stephen plays for both the Kestrels and the Hornets, and is a fine up and coming player.

Dave Ellis (2) — Second base. Dave is one of the Hornet's senior players and a talented second baseman.

Adam Timpson (6) — Shortstop. Adam recently arrived back from Australia where he gained valuable experience playing ball at a high level.

Steven Edwards (8) — Outfield/First Base. Steven played at junior level until moving up to the Hornets this year.

Jason Ball (I4) — Outfield/Pitcher. Jason also played for the Juniors until this year. He is a promising pitcher.

Tony Penwarden (II) — Outfield. Tony joined the Hornets this year from the Nottingham Pirates. He has been playing ball for five years.

Andrew Knox (10) — Another ex-Tiger, Andrew has been playing for the Hornets to two years now.

Richard Blood (5) — Outfield. Richard is a rookie, and although he lives outside Nottingham, he is keen to travel and play for the Hornets.

Phil Hazard (I) — Outfield. A back-up outfielder, Phil is missing the game today. He jained the team this year and has progressed at a very fast rate.

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HOW TO KEEP SCORE

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- 2. When a batter reaches base draw a line in his box \Box and if he advances safely, follow his progress around the bases with further lines in the shape of a box \Box . If he scores a run, fill in the box.
- 3. When a batter or runner is out, denote the out in his box with a circled number i.e. ①, ②, or ③.
- 4. The number across the top of the scoresheet represents the individual innings; so at the end of an inning (when three outs are made), draw a diagonal line in the lower right hand corner of the last batter. When the team comes to bat again, begin with the following batter in the next

If the scores are tied after 9 innings additional innings will be played to find a winner.

Write in the score each half inning (the visiting team bats in the top half of every inning).

UMPIRESSIGNS

The home-plate umpire behind the batter calls balls and strikes. A strike is indicated with an outstretched right arm. There is usually no indication for a ball; however the left arm is occasionally used. The home-plate umpire will indicate the number of balls and strikes on a batter by using his fingers. Strikes are indicated on the right hand; balls on the left hand. If the count is full (three balls and two strikes), the umpire will clench both fists. For all umpires, an out is shown by an upward and downward motion of the right arm. If a runner is called safe, both arms will be extended from

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Scottish Amicable National Club Championship Final. If this is your first time at a baseball game, we hope that the following notes will help you to quickly grasp what is going on and to understand some of the terms that you might hear the commentators use. The commentators will try to explain everything that is going on, but if you are still lost don't be afraid to ask your neighbour — there will be an enthusiast close by willing to explain.

Baseball is a game for all the family and it is our intention today to create a friendly, fun atmosphere to enable everyone to fully enjoy themselves. In this programme you will find contact names for more information about baseball organisations in your area — if you want to know more, to start playing the game or just to get more involved — give them a call and they will be delighted to assist you.

HISTORY

America has taken baseball totally into its culture and some say that 'to know America you must know baseball'. However, it should be pointed out that baseball is a sport played across the world and in fact finds its origins in the British games of rounders and cricket. Emigrants from Britain took these games to America in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries and these evolved during the nineteenth century into the modern game.

As far as Britain is concerned, the earliest baseball association was formed in 1890 and the game has had spells of popularity, especially in the 1930's. Indeed, Britain won the first world amateur championship in 1938. In those early days many baseball clubs were associated with football clubs and the roll of honour of the club championships rang with names like Middlesbrough, Derby, Nottingham Forest, Tottenham Hotspur and Clapton Orient.

Today, the popularity of the game is once again on the rise in Britain with over 150 teams participating in the seven regions administered by the British Baseball Federation. With Baseball now adopted as a medal sport starting at the 1992 Olympics and the game well-established in over 60 countries, it will be only a short time before this exciting sport gains greater recognition in the British sporting calendar.

UNDERSTANDING BASEBALL

The game of baseball is played between two teams of nine players.

Before the game, each team announces the order in which its starting players will bat and their fielding positions.

The objective of the game is to score more runs than the opposing team. A run can only be scored when a player finally crosses home plate, having completed the circuit of the diamond, touching and often stopping at, every base.

The visiting team bats first (top half of the inning) and is retired when three of its batters, or runners, are put out. The home team then bats in the bottom half of the inning until three of its players are put out. There are nine innings in a game. In the event of a tie at the end of the ninth inning, extra whole innings are played until the tie is broken.

Batting

If the batter hits the ball between the foul lines (a fair ball) he MUST try to reach at least first base. If he hits the ball outside the foul lines (a foul ball) the batter is not entitled to run to first base.

A batter is out when:

- (i) He hits the ball in the air (a fly ball or line drive) and it is caught before bouncing by a fielder (flies out).
- (ii) He hits the ball on the ground and a fielder throws it or carries it to first base before he arrives (grounds out).
- (iii) While he is not touching a base he is tagged by a fielder with the ball or with the fielder's glove containing the ball.
- (iv) He is struck out i.e. he has three strikes against him.
 A strike is a pitch which passes over home plate, without bouncing,
 between the batter's knees and armpits (the strike zone), or at which the
 batter swings and misses completely, or which the batter hits into foul
 territory when he has less than 2 strikes against him. A foul ball when the
 batter has two strikes against him counts only as a dead ball.

A pitch which passes outside the strike zone and is not swung at is called a ball. The home plate umpire judges balls and strikes.

The batter is safe on base when:

- (i) He receives four balls a walk.
- (ii) He hits the ball in fair territory and reaches first base before the fielding team can get the ball there a base hit or single.
- (iii) He reaches bases beyond first without being tagged with the ball by the fielding team—extra base hit (double, triple or home run).

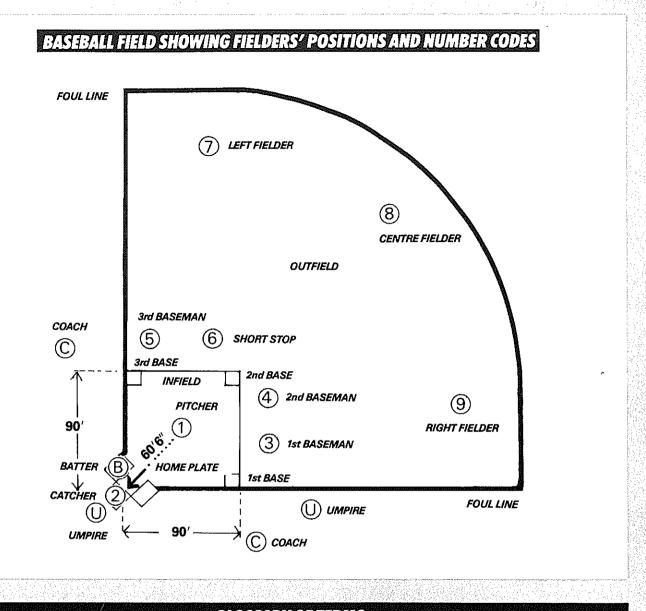
Runner(s) on base

With a runner or runners on base, if the batter hits a ball in the air, in fair or foul territory, no runner may advance unless he retouches his base after the ball is caught (tagging up).

Since the batter must run towards first base if he hits a fair ball on the ground, a runner already in occupation of first base is forced to run towards second. If there are runners on first and second bases, or if the bases are loaded (runners occupying all three bases) all runners are forced to try to reach the next base.

In such a force play, any runner so forced can be put out either by being tagged or more usually by the fielding side throwing or carrying the ball to the base to which he is running before he arrives there. Occasionally, two outs are made on one hit ball. These double plays most usually occur when two players are forced out at successive bases. Another common double play occurs when a batter fails to return to his base before the ball is caught and thrown to that base (a force play).

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Assist. A throw to a fellow fielder enabling him to make a put out.

Balk. An illegal pitching motion, entitling all baserunners, but not the batter, to advance one base.

Ball. A pitch which does not enter the strike zone and is not struck by the batter.

Base on balls. A batter may proceed to first base after receiving four balls.

Bunt. The batter may square around and try to nudge the ball into the infield, usually to advance a runner or to try to catch the defence unaware.

Double play. A play in which two players are put out.

Error. A misfielded or badly thrown ball by a fielder which allows a runner to advance or a batter to reach base.

Flyball. A ball hit high in the air.

Forced out. This occurs when a fielder touches with the ball the base to which the runner is forced to advance.

Grand slam. When a home run is hit with all three bases occupied by Players. Four runs are scored.

Home run. A ball hit fair over the outfield fence entitles the batter to an automatic run, though he and any other runners still have to trot around the bases.

Innings closed. An innings continues until three batters are put out.

Pickoff. When the pitcher catches a base runner trying to "steal a base" by throwing direct to the base.

Pitches: There are three basic pitches:
(a) The Fastball – designed to beat the batter for sheer pace (pitches have been recorded at up to 90 m.p.h.) and depending on the grip used, the ball can be made to sink or rise in flight.

(b) The Curveball is a pitch which curves in the air with the aim of beating the batter with movement rather than speed.

(c) The Change-up — there are several different change-ups including the palm ball, the knuckleball and the forkball. The idea is to make the hitter think the ball is coming in at one speed when it is actually coming in slower.

Putout. When a player is retired by a fielder.

Sprayhitter. A batter who is able to hit all parts of the field.

Stolen base. A runner advances from one base to another without the ball being hit.

Substitution. Any player can be substituted at any time, but once he leaves the game he may not return.

Tag. A player is out "tagged" if a fielder, holding the ball in his hand or glove, touches a base with his body or touches a runner with his hand or glove which is holding the ball.

Triple play. Only occurs once or twice in a season and occurs when three players are out on a single play — spectacular when it habbens.

BRITISH YOUTH CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS 1987

During 1987 we have seen youth baseball expand to the Southern Region with the launch of a seven team Youth Instructional League. The players ranged from nine to seventeen years old and played a twelve game schedule, predominantly on Saturday.

I want to thank all the managers, coaches, umpires, etc. who have given up their free time to make 1987 the year youth baseball got off the ground in the South.

In today's seven inning final we have the Burgess Hill Red Hat Colts representing BBF South against the Midlands regional youth champions — the Nottingham Kestrels. The Red Hats, in their first year of organised ball will be facing a strong Kestrel team. Last year they appeared in the final only to lose in an exciting extra inning game to the Hull Mets luniors.

The continued expansion of baseball in Britain is dependent upon the growth of youth baseball. If you are interested in playing a role as a manager, coach, umpire, player, etc., please contact any of the following:

Benny Benson — National Youth Officer — 0602 212473 or lack Akers — BBF South Youth Officer — 01-445 9369 or

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Duration of game — Seven innings.

Cleats — Metal cleats are not allowed, however, rubber or plastic acceptable.

John Alkers. I hope you enjoy the game.

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Youth Development Officer — BBF South

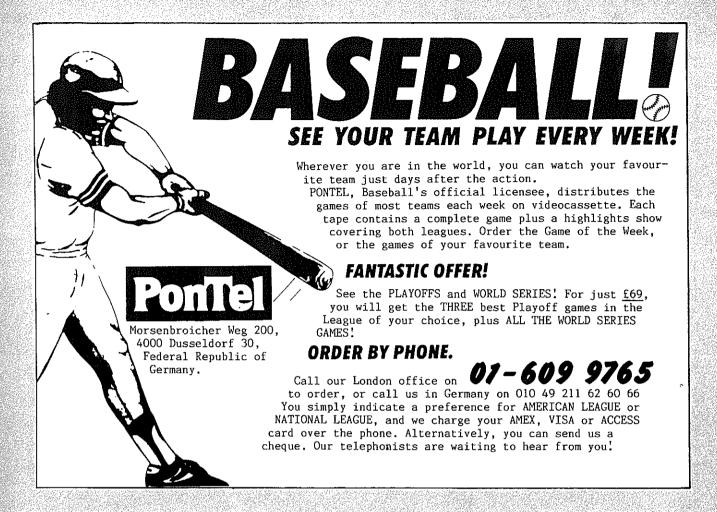
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Thurs. Oct. 22	1800-1900	World Series 3 & 4
Sat. Oct. 24	2400-0100	World Series 5
	0100-0300	Live World Series 6
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