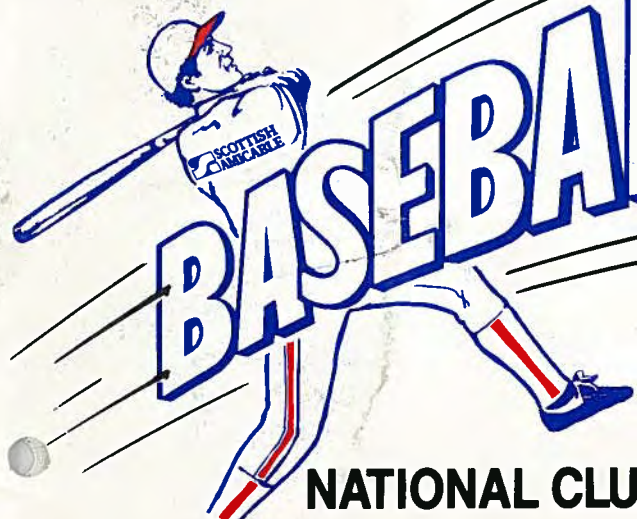


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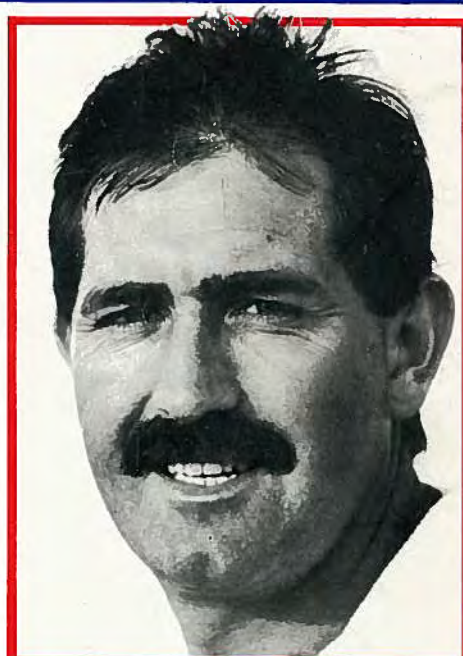
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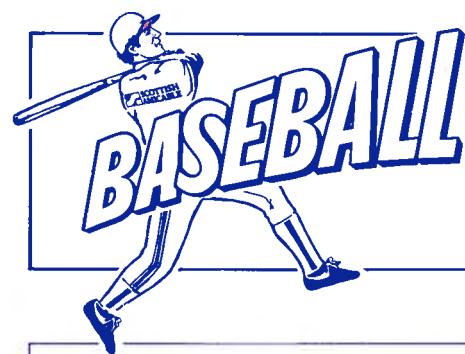


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BASEBALL DAY SCHEDULE

9.00am	Junior Baseball Club Final Hull Mets V
11.30pm	Celebrity Softball Gambaccini Select V Advertising Allstars
12.50pm	National Anthem (Sung by Jane Sylvester)
1.00pm	Scottish Amicable Home Run Derby Ernie Banks V Graham Gooch
2.30pm	BBF League Presentations
3.00pm	National Club Championship Final
6.00pm	Presentations

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The Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society is delighted to be associated with the exciting events for British baseball that have happened this year and which will be climaxed at the Oval today.

The standards of play of baseball in Britain has improved steadily over the last few years and we were delighted that Great Britain was undefeated in the European 'B' Championship games held in Birmingham recently. This keeps alive our Olympic hopes for Barcelona in 1992, and although we have a long way to go, the enthusiasm and developing skills of a young team give everyone in the game much encouragement.

The ambitions of the organisers and scope of the events at the Oval today keep increasing, and appear to us to possess all the hallmarks of establishing a major event both as sport and spectacle - a fun, family day out. We applaud the tremendous efforts of all who have been involved in it - the stars, the players, the officials and those behind the scenes.

Finally, thank you, the fans, for coming - have a great day and spread the word about this great game of baseball.

Play ball'

Yours

Maurice Paterson
General Manager (Sales and Marketing)

Welcome to British Baseball's big day!!

The Oval today hosts the National Club Championship Final - the ultimate goal of over 100 teams around the country, regional competitions having started back in April. The Burtonwood Braves from the North-West League will do battle with the winners of the Southern League, and defending National Champions, The Cobham Yankees. In addition you will see our National Junior Final between the Hull Mets and, and an all-star softball game. And last, but by no means least, we are very excited about the Home Run Derby between England's cricket captain, Graham Gooch, and former Chicago Cubs' star, Ernie Banks. This is the first time in this country that a major cricketer has gone head-to-head with an all-time great ex-ball player from the US and we are honoured to have them here. If this is your first experience of baseball in Britain, you could not have picked a better introduction!

Baseball is really growing in Britain - teams are springing up all over the country. This is due in no small measure to our sponsors, Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society, to whom we are deeply grateful. If you think you would like to play baseball next season, call one of the contacts listed at the back of this programme. They would be delighted to help.

Enjoy yourselves

Don Smallwood
Chairman (BBF)



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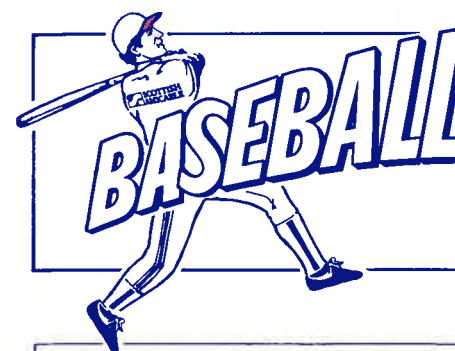
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"GOING, GOING, GONE"

The thrill of baseball can take on many forms whether it is the speed and slide of a runner into second or the outstretched diving catch at third or the speed and accuracy of the pitcher gunning down the opposition, baseball excites the players and the fans into a frenzied state where the next play could decide it all.

Often enough the equalising force and most exciting moment in baseball is the batter's power to drive the ball hard and deep for it to carry over the perimeter fence, thus producing baseball's classic HOME RUN.

Witnessing a Home Run has a measure of suspense as it usually takes 4-5 seconds for the ball, once being hit, to clear the fence, up to which time everyone's eyes are equally transfixed between the ball and the retreating outfielder to determine its outcome. Baseball game announcers who feel confident in the ball's final destination will use the 4-5 second time gap to describe its flight path and near perfect landing by saying, "Going, Going, Gone".

Today at The Oval it is with great respect and privilege that I welcome one of baseball's best Home Run hitting shortstop's that ever played in the Major Leagues, ERNIE BANKS of the Chicago Cubs. Affectionately known as "Mr Cub" and "Mr Sunshine" Ernie Banks achieved greatness as a player of 19 years and was so recognised by his country's sportswriters who upon the 1st eligible ballot, voted Ernie Banks into the National Baseball Hall of Fame.

It is also an honour and privilege to welcome another great sportsman to The Oval, a man who knows this historic venue so well and is an accomplished cricketer in his own right, England's Test Cricket Captain, GRAHAM GOOCH. Under his recent leadership England regained its international winning form by defeating Sri Lanka.

Ernie Banks and Graham Gooch have agreed to complete in a friendly Home Run Derby contest in which the power and skills of baseball are matched against the strength and craftsmanship of cricket. In preparation for today's contest Gooch has had tutoring on the art of baseball hitting from none other than Banks himself.

May I also welcome on the day the participants in our Celebrity Softball game between the Gambaccini Select vs Advertising All Stars. Familiar names and faces are playing a friendly match in the aid of two very worthy charities: The Seoul Para-Olympic Team (Gambaccini Select) and Sport Aid (Advertising All Stars). The match will have its thrills and laughs, entertainment for us all to enjoy so that others who are less fortunate and in greater need have a chance to live and excel in their lives. Your donation to the charities is most welcomed and appreciated.

The culmination of our 1988 British Baseball season is also featured today with the Junior and Senior club finals. I salute the four teams and their committed supporters in their challenge to the National Club Championship titles. Many games and personal sacrifices have been endured "On the Road to The Oval". Good luck to all teams involved and may good sportsmanship prevail.



British Baseball has emerged as an exciting growth sport for youth at large. Opportunities to learn and play competitively are available throughout the UK. The youth can look up to our Great Britain team who having won in August the European 'B' Baseball Championships in Birmingham are headed to the European 'A' Olympic qualification series set for September 1989 in Paris, the winners of which will play in the 1992 Olympics (Barcelona Spain) where baseball becomes an official medal sport for the first time.

Today at The Oval is a presentation of our current standards of British Baseball with the future stars of tomorrow. The inclusion of the Home Run Derby and Celebrity Softball game provide additional entertainment and attention to an emerging sport that has earned credibility in the national and international arena.

Work is already underway for next year's 1989 Oval day of baseball as we will be celebrating our 100th year of baseball at the Oval. On 12 March 1889, A. G. Spalding (founding father of the Spalding Sports Equipment Company) as part of his world tour of baseball (1888-1889) had his two teams play at The Oval in the presence of H.R.H. Prince of Wales (future King Edward VII) and 6000 spectators! Anticipating next years showcase of baseball is truly awesome!

I trust you will have an enjoyable day as it has been organised expressly with you in mind, the spectator, to be entertained and made comfortable throughout the day. None of this would have been possible without the help of so many people and companies to which I salute and **thank you all!** I extend a special embrace of thanks to Scottish Amicable Life Assurance Society who are our main sponsors of today and in addition are backing British Baseball development year around.

"Going, Going, Gone" to baseball 1988 and "Lets Play Ball" for 1989.

Kevin J Sylvester
Chairman
Oval Event Committee



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HOME RUN DERBY



ERNIE BANKS USA

Chicago Cubs and MLB Hall of Fame
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US baseball could not have a finer ambassador than 57 year old Ernie Banks - nicknamed 'Mr Sunshine' because of his sweet disposition yet the infielder swung one of the meanest bats in baseball history.

Ernie's record in baseball is second to none and he won the National League's Most Valuable Player Award for two consecutive seasons in 1957 and 1958 - all the more all the more astonishing when one realises that his Chicago Cubs

team could only manage seventh and fifth in the League. In 1957, he hit 43 homers, batted in 102 runs, scored 113 runs himself and played in every game. In 1958 he led the League in home runs (47) and RBIs (129), slugging percentage (614) and at-bats (617) and played every game. He hit 512 home runs in his career with more than 40 in a season five times and set a record of five grand slams in 1955. His style, according to those who had the privilege of seeing him in his prime, was easy and effortless, he was a line-drive snap hitter with strong, active wrists and arms and was one of the most feared power hitters in the League.

Banks not just a hitter but a top class infielder playing shortstop for nine seasons and first baseman for 10. He led the National League's shortstops in fielding three times and first baseman in putouts five times. He was voted "The Greatest Chicago Cub Player of All Time" prior to his retirement in 1971 and was voted into the Hall of Fame in 1977.

Ernie has kept active since he retired from major league baseball in 1971 and plays tennis and golf, where he is a 7 handicapper as well as playing occasionally on the veterans baseball circuit. He has been working out with the Los Angeles Dodgers, who look like reaching this year's World Series Play-Offs.

"I'm really looking forward to visiting England and playing on a historic ground such as the Oval. Perhaps I'll get to understand that cricket while I'm over", enthuses Ernie Banks. It will be a privilege to watch a legend whose record we set out below:-

1959 National League best fielding average by shortstop .985

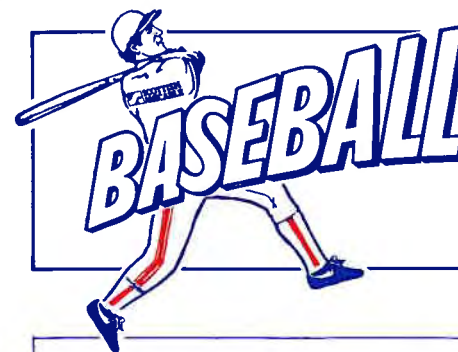
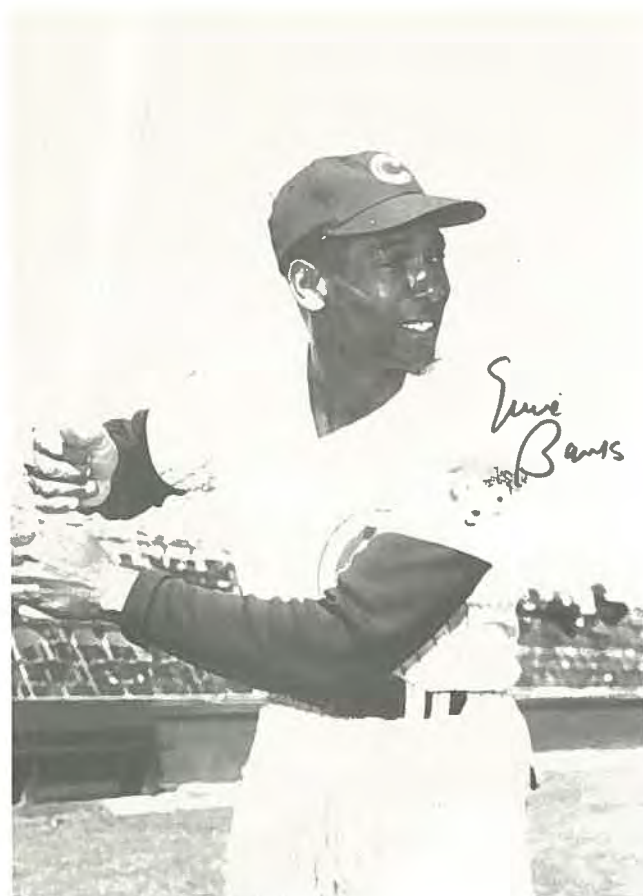
Hit .300 or better three times

Scored more than 100 runs in 8 seasons

Played his entire career in one city, on one team, under one mayor.

Lifetime Statistics

G	AB	R	H	BA	HR	RBI
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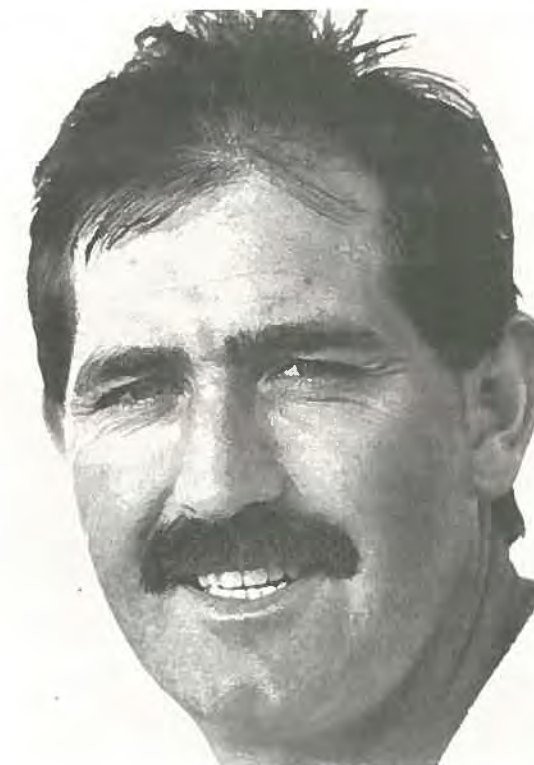


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HOME RUN DERBY



GRAHAM GOOCH

England and Essex Captain
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Graham Gooch, fresh from leading the England cricket team to victory against Sri Lanka and almost leading Essex to another thrilling county championship title, now turns his attention to baseball.

Graham, the only current England player that would be an automatic choice in a World Cricket XI, possesses most of the attributes to have become a major league baseball star. His powerful striking, massive concentration and keen reflexes would have made him a "hero of the home plate" wherever he played.

'Goochie' made his debut in first class cricket for Essex in 1975 and immediately played his way into the England test team. Since then he has become one of England's most prolific scorers despite an absence of three years from 1982 when he received a Test ban for leading an unofficial tour to South Africa.

All forms of cricket come alike to Graham who has shown his versatility and adaptability by holding the record scores for both the Benson and Hedges Cup and the Sunday League. Don't think of Graham as only a batsman, he is a more than useful change bowler and a first class slip fielder thus making an outstanding challenger for the Scottish Amicable Home Run Derby. Graham is looking forward to this fascinating challenge and is in a determined mood to do well. We could be in for a surprise package especially as the Chelmsford nets have reportedly been the scene of some alien practice.

Top aggregate score in a season - 1984 2559 runs

Highest score in an innings - 1988 275 runs v Kent

Best bowling performance - 1982 7-14 v Worcestershire

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INTRODUCTION

Scottish Amicable are delighted to be associated with Channel 4 in the exposure of the truly international and great game of baseball. It is hoped that this leaflet will help you in the understanding of the game and give you an insight into some of the terminology that, with the dynamic growth of the game likely to follow the TV series, will be in common use in the playgrounds and on the sports fields of Britain in the years to come.

Baseball in America is big, big business – it's the number one sport, far bigger than American Football – and is promoted with all the flair and razzamatazz that we have come to expect from the promotionally-minded Americans. The crowds are bigger, paid better and they're around longer – names like Babe Ruth, Joe Di Maggio, Mickey Mantle are legendary all over the world. Scottish Amicable, one of the leading life assurance companies in this country, are in the forefront of new developments and if baseball interest grows in the same way as their investments, everyone will be delighted! Scottish Amicable have extended their sponsorship support to the setting up of a National Baseball League which has just completed a successful first season. Scottish Amicable support also enabled the British Baseball Federation to develop its administrative structure and to develop its coaching programmes that will ensure improved standards throughout the game from junior to senior level.

If you would like to know how to start up in baseball, how to form a club, where your nearest baseball club is or just where you can watch baseball then contact the addresses below: –

Don Smallwood President British Baseball Federation 197 Newbridge Road Southcoastes Lane Hull Telephone: 0482 76169	Brad Thompson Scottish Amicable National League Administrator Newton Works 27/29 Macklin Street London WC2B 5LX Telephone: 01-831 6767
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Benny Benson National Junior Baseball Officer 82 Manesty Crescent	Clifton Nottingham Telephone: 0602 212473
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But be warned – once you start you will be hooked by this great game. The next few years will be very important for British baseball.

The British Baseball Federation celebrates its centenary in 1990 but first in 1988 Britain will be taking its first steps towards qualifying for the 1992 Olympics when they play in the European qualifying championship (Division 2) which will be played in Britain. Promotion to the first Division is essential if Britain is to stand a chance of securing one of the European baseball positions in Barcelona.

Last year's World Series was a marvellous advertisement for the game and stirred enormous interest amongst sports fans in this country. Let's hope that this year's World Series is as good – so switch on, stay tuned and enjoy the spectacle.

UNDERSTANDING BASEBALL

The game of baseball is played between two teams, each of nine players though there are many substitutes any of which can play.

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

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:

- He hits the ball in the air (a *fly ball* or *line drive*) and it is caught before bouncing by a fielder (*flies out*).
- He hits the ball on the ground and a fielder throws it or carries it to first base before he arrives (*grounds out*).
- 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 shoulders (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:

- He receives four balls – a walk.
- 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.
- He reaches bases beyond first without being tagged with the ball by the fielding team – extra base hit (double, triple or home run).
- As a runner, while not touching a base, he is tagged by a fielder with the ball, or with the fielders glove containing the ball.

PITCHING

The pitcher may pitch either from the wind-up or stretch position. The wind-up is the basic motion usually used with no runners on base. The pitcher lifts his arms over his head, swings his free leg up towards his chest and drives off the mound with his back leg; the arm following through and throwing the ball.

With runners on base, some of the rhythm and momentum of the wind-up will be sacrificed for speed of delivery to cut down the chances of a runner stealing a base. The stretch position cuts out the lifting of the hands over the head by starting with them held at the chest. The pitcher should stay in contact with the pitcher rubber on the mound until releasing the ball.

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 re-touches 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.

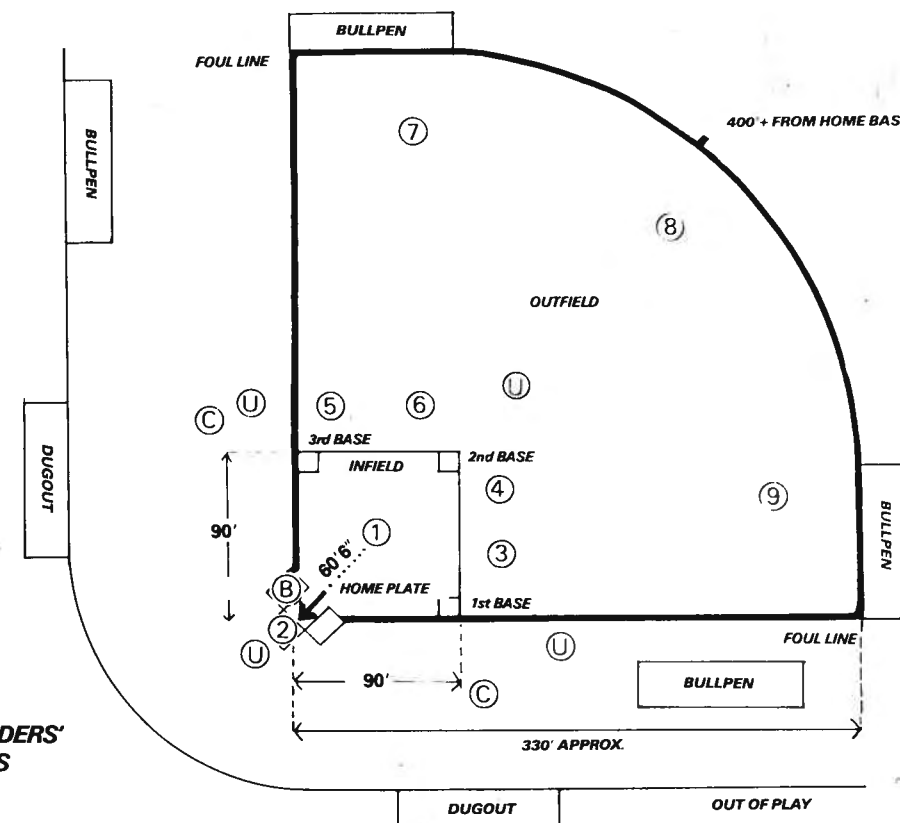
These *double plays* most usually occur when two players are forced out at successive bases. Another common double play occurs when a batter fails to return to his base before the ball is caught and thrown to that base (a force play).

At any time, a base runner may attempt to steal a base, usually by running just as the pitcher throws the ball.

FIELDERS

- PITCHER
 - CATCHER
 - 1st BASEMAN
 - 2nd BASEMAN
 - 3rd BASEMAN
 - SHORTSTOP
 - LEFT FIELDER
 - CENTRE FIELDER
 - RIGHT FIELDER
- B BATTER
U UMPIRE
C COACH

BASEBALL FIELD SHOWING FIELDERS' POSITIONS AND NUMBER CODES



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.
- BULLPEN.** Relief pitchers and back-up catchers use the area beyond the outfield fence or in foul territory to warm up.
- 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.
- FORCE OUT.** This occurs when a fielder in possession of the ball touches the base to which a runner is forced to advance.
- GRAND SLAM.** When a home run is hit with all three bases occupied by runners. 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.
- INNING.** An inning 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 five basic pitches: (a) **The Fastball** – designed to beat the batter for sheer pace (pitches have been recorded at up to 100 mph) and depending on the grip used, the ball can be made to sink or rise in flight (eg split fingered fastball).

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

(c) **The Slider** is basically a cross between a fastball and a curve. Faster than a curveball, it breaks sharply but not as far as a curve, and does not drop.

(d) **The Change-up** is meant to look like a fastball but moves about 20 mph slower causing the batter to swing early.

(e) Other pitches include the palmball and knuckle ball, which flutter unpredictably in the air; the screwball, which breaks the opposite way from the curveball, and the illegal spitball, scuffball, baselineball etc. which involves the use of foreign substances.

- PUTOUT.** When a player is retired by a fielder.
- 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 touches a runner with the hand or glove which is holding the ball.
- THE COUNT.** The Umpire will call the balls and strikes "2" and "0" means two balls and no strikes "3" and "2" is three balls and two strikes or a "full count".
- TRIPLE PLAY.** Only happens once or twice in a season and occurs when three players are out on a single play – spectacular when it happens.

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Barnestormers	17	7	.708	2
Sutton Braves	16	9	.640	3.5
Enfield Spartans	15	10	.600	4.5

Croydon Bluejays	16	8	.666	
Crawley Giants	7	17	.292	
Waltham Abbey Arrows	6	18	.250	
Golders Green Sox	1	23	.042	

HUMBERSIDE

	W	L	%	GB
Hull Mets	8	0	1.000	-
Hull Warriors	6	2	.750	2
Hull Royals	5	4	.555	3.5
Hull Mariners	3	5	.375	5
Hull Giants	3	7	.300	6
Humberside Cubs	0	7	.000	7.5

NORTH WEST

	W	L	%	GB
Burtonwood Braves	13	2	.866	-
Skelmersdale Tigers	12	3	.800	1
Liverpool Trojans	11	3	.786	1.5
Skelmersdale Giants	7	7	.500	5.5
Stretford A's	6	8	.429	6.5
Southport Mets	4	10	.400	8.5
Manchester Lions	2	12	.143	10.5
Preston Bobcats	2	12	.143	10.5

EAST MIDLANDS

	W	L	%	GB
Nottingham Southglade Hornets	7	0	1.000	-
Nottingham Pirates	8	2	.800	1.5
Arnold Astros	5	2	.714	2
Leicester Green Sox	4	4	.500	3.5
Nottingham Imperials	4	4	.500	3.5
Birmingham Braves	3	8	.375	6
Boston Red Sox	0	11	.000	9

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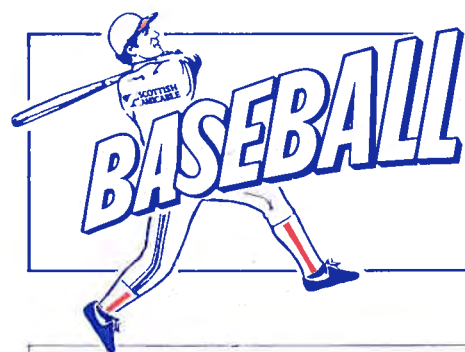
Qualified as winners of the Northern and Southern qualifying rounds, respectively.

QUARTER-FINALS

Burtonwood Braves	8 - 7	Hull Mets
Cobham Yankees	11 - 2	Nottingham Southglade Hornets
Leeds City Royals	16 - 4	Cambridge Royals
Sutton Braves	13 - 10	Barnestormers

SEMI-FINALS

Burtonwood Braves	26 - 5	Leeds City Royals
Cobham Yankees	6 - 4	Sutton Braves



SCOTTISH AMICABLE 1988 NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL



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 Southern England Baseball Association. The Yankees were a product 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 over 15 who had become too old for the junior programme. The team rapidly attracted a number of older players and immediately became a winning side. They won the second division championship in 1982 and gained promotion to the first division. In their second year of existence, Cobham won the SEBA first division championship and defeated the Liverpool Trojans and the Hull Mets in the National Playoffs to become National Champions for 1983. The team failed to repeat as league champions, finishing second in 1984 and third in 1985.

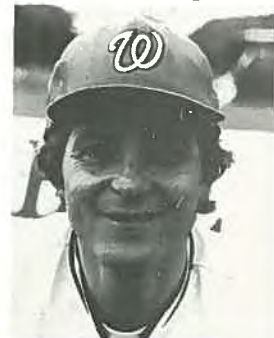
The 1986 Yankees finished in a tie with the Sutton Braves for the first division championship, and went on to defeat the Southglade Hornets and the Burtonwood Braves to reach the National Final. They faced the Hull Mets at Sutton United FC, and beat them 12-5 to become National Champions for the second time. Last year the Yankees finished third in the first division of the re-named British Baseball Federation South, and beat the Sutton Braves and the Edinburgh Cobras to reach the final at the Oval, in which they beat the Southglade Hornets 6-0 for their third National Championship victory.

The 1988 Yankees were Champions of the first division of the BBFS, and beat the Southglade Hornets and the Sutton Braves to reach today's final.

THE 1988 COBHAM YANKEES — PLAYER PROFILES

Mike Hammer (8) — A talented left-handed pitcher, Mike has been with the team for seven years, having pitched the team's very first game in 1982. He was the starting and winning pitcher in both the 1983 and 1986 Championship Finals against the Hull Mets. 1988 Avg; .200

Peter Hammer (3) — A skilful and versatile player, Pete has played four years with the club. Although basically an infielder, he can also play the outfield and pitch. Won the team fielding award in 1986. 1988 Avg; .450



Brad Thompson

Brad Thompson (6) — The field general of the Yankees, Brad is completing his third year as catcher. He has also served as the Administrator of the Scottish Amicable National League in the two years of its existence. 1988 Avg; .379

Alan Smith (7) — A native Londoner, Alan is the regular centrefielder, and also pitches occasionally. 1988 Avg; .385

Ken Kocher (12) — A third year player, Ken took over as Manager from Dan Santos this year. A utility player, Ken won the team fielding award in 1987, and tied with Pete Hammer for the lead in stolen bases that year with 11. 1988 Avg; .275

Tony Kuramitsu (19) — The youngest player ever to wear a Cobham uniform, Tony, 15 is considered the finest young pitcher in British baseball. In last year's Final he pitched the Yankees to victory with a memorable 2 hit shutout, and went 3 for 3 with two runs scored to win the MVP award. 1988 Avg; .414

Dan Santos (22) — A member of the original Cobham team of 1982, Dan managed the team for the latter half of 1986 and the whole of 1987. He generally plays first base. Dan got the big hit in last year's Final, a two-run double. 1988 Avg; .350

Mike Saur (24) — Mike can play infield or outfield, and also pitches. He won the team MVP in 1986. 1988 Avg; .375

Lee Pierce (11) — Lee is a slugging shortstop who anchors the Yankees' infield. 1988 Avg; .357

Paul Gonzales (15) — Paul a first year player. A regular starting pitcher, Paul plays centrefield when not pitching. Has a fine arm. He coached at the American School of London this year. 1988 Avg; .161

Jim Hewey (5) — Jim is an outfielder in his first year with the team. 1988 Avg; .481

Dave Jensen () — Dave is mainly an infielder, but has also played the outfield. 1988 Avg; .339

Paul Ust () — Paul, a graduate of the Surrey Baseball Association's Junior Programme, had a good year playing third and pitching. Unfortunately he will miss the final.

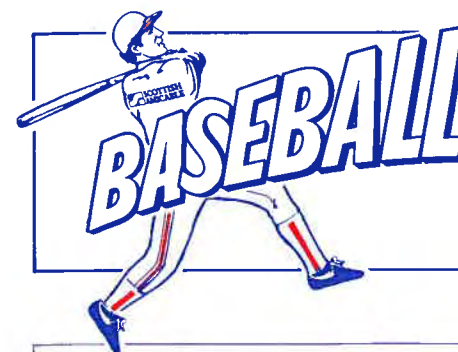
Kevin Murphy (24) — Kevin came over from the Golders Green Sox in the off-season. He plays first base and the outfield. 1988 Avg; .250

Ernie Ayala () — Ernie, a catcher and outfielder, is in his first year with the team. 1988 Avg; .313

Andrew Rink (11) — Andrew came up to the big club from the Oxshott Orioles a third of the way into the season. He plays infield or outfield. 1988 Avg; .200

Rafael Blanco () — A naturalised Briton of Cuban descent, Rafael is an outfielder with a strong arm. 1988 Avg; .286

Larry Rosenblatt () — Larry plays third base, and also pitches and catches. He is the team's Assistant Manager. 1988 Avg; .391



SCOTTISH AMICABLE 1988 NATIONAL CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL



THE BURTONWOOD BRAVES

The Burtonwood Braves have played in the North West League of the BBF since 1979, when they re-formed after ten years out of the game. Previously they had been called the Burtonwood Bees and the Burtonwood Bullets. Three people were instrumental in getting the team back together; Chief Warrant Officer Ozzie Hall, Bernard Delorenzo, and the Liverpoolian Chris Gee. The team have won three North West Championships, in 1985, 1986, and 1988; they have held the Lancashire Cup for seven years, and the Robertson Cup for five years. In 1985 and 1986 the Braves reached the National Club Championship Semi-Finals, losing on both occasions — the second time to the Cobham Yankees, their opponents today. Many of the players serve in the 47th Area Support Group of the US Army, which is based at RAF Burtonwood in Lancashire.

THE 1988 BURTONWOOD BRAVES - PLAYER PROFILES

Cleveland Jolly (16) — Cleveland is the team's Coach and Manager, and plays the infield. He is from Detroit, and has coached softball and Pee Wee League in Germany. The Braves gave him their Manager of the Year Award in 1987.

Chris Gee (21) — Born in Liverpool, Chris started playing baseball at the age of seven in the USA, where he went on to play Junior High and High School ball. A Great Britain international, Chris has played in the North West League for 14 years. He is the team captain, and plays shortstop, first base, and catches. Won the League's 'Players' Player' Award in 1987 and 1988.

John S. Leeth (5) — Born in Hainseville, Alabama, John played High School ball and was an All Conference player at St Bernard College. Plays Shortstop and third base. In his third year with the Braves, John has won the Home Run title in the North West in 1987 and 1988.

Bob Blevins (12) — Bob, from Arizona, is a pitcher and first baseman, and is also team's Pitching Coach. He has played High School, College, and US Navy baseball.

Freddie L. Herrington (6) — From Augusta, Georgia. Freddie has played the game since the age of seven up through High School and Junior College. He is a second baseman or outfielder. Reputed to be the most colourful Brave — look out for a rainbow effect in kneepads and sweatbands!

Robert S. Orme (8) — Born in England, Robert has played for the Braves for nine years. He also plays for Lancashire Red Sox in the National League, and is a Great Britain international. The team's regular centrefielder.

Alec Orme (14) — Brother of Robert. This is Alec's first year on the team, and he has won the team's Most Improved Player award this year.

Clifton Rouse (7) — Assistant Manager, catcher and outfielder. Clifton, from Greensboro, North Carolina, has thirty five years experience in baseball, and is in his third year with the Braves.

Ward Roberts (4) — From Miami, Ward is a Master Sergeant in the US Army. In his thirty five years playing ball he has represented his High School and Junior College, and had a try-out with the Baltimore Orioles. He can play the infield or the outfield, but normally plays third base. Has been with the Braves for three years.

Danny Prins (24) — Born in Holland, Michigan, Danny is a Lieutenant Colonel in the US Army. A first baseman/pitcher, he has played three years with the Braves.

Roger Delacruz (17) — From the Phillipines, Roger has played High School ball, and has been with the Braves for two years. He plays right field.

John Williams (13) — John, a New Yorker, is a Master Sergeant in the US Army. He plays the outfield or first base, and pitches in relief. His baseball experience includes High School and Junior College ball. In 1987 he won the North West's Michael Gee Batting Championship with an awesome .628 average.

Anthony Toro (20) — Anthony started playing at the age of ten in his native Puerto Rico, where he played High School ball. A utility infielder, he has been with the Braves for three years.

Bernard Delorenzo (10) — 'Dale' Delorenzo, rumoured to have been born in Transylvania, has thirty years experience in baseball and can play any position. Has played High School and Junior College ball. He left the US Army and now lives in Liverpool.

Robbie Alger () — Robbie is a starting pitcher and catcher from Canada, where he started playing. He has pitched for the Braves for ten years, and now lives in England.

Nigel Farrell (23) — From Liverpool, Nigel is in his first year with the Braves, having taken up the game only recently.

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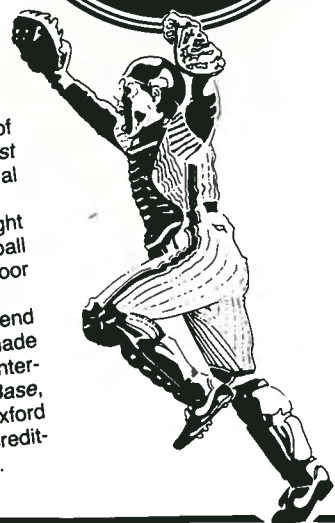
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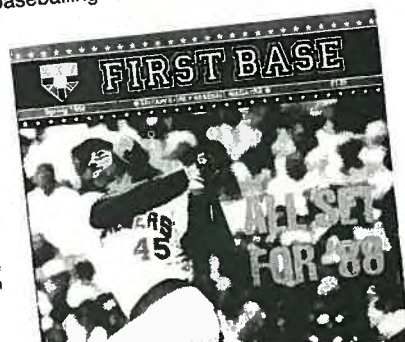
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STARS OF TOMORROW

At 16, Tony Kuramitsu represents the very best in British Baseball. Playing for the London Warriors in the Scottish Amicable National Baseball League this season he has amassed a staggering 131 strike outs beating the previous record held by Mersey Mariner Steve Nero by over 50. This remarkable feat is even more astounding when you consider it was achieved in 9 of the 10 London Warriors' N.B.L. season games.

As the youngest player in this National Baseball League, Tony's aspiration of returning to native Japan and playing for the Japanese Pro Team Yomiuri must be a reality. Certainly batters around Britain will have no quarrels about not having to face the formidable pitchers should Tony achieve his goal.

He returns to the Oval today for his second appearance in the National Club Championships for the Cobham Yankees, having beaten the Nottingham Southglade Hornets in last year's encounter.



Bradley Marcelino is another young player to have an exciting future in baseball ahead of him.

The 6 year old mascot of the London Warriors has had many National Baseball League spectators awestruck by his strength, style and pure natural ability displayed during the team's warm up period of the games.

Father is a Great Britain International so there is plenty to encouragement for Bradley at home.

Bradley, who attends St Georges School in Enfield also has ambitions of becoming a pro ball player, something which is also on the mind of one M.L.B. baseball scout who by chance saw him playing baseball in a park whilst on a stateside holiday. Having taken vital statistics the scout suggested that Bradley kept in close contact with him as he felt his potential was enormous.

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The shop window of British Baseball, the Scottish Amicable National Baseball League entered its second year in 1988 with new boundaries of achievement being established both on and off the diamond.

The London Warriors dominated the league losing only one game throughout the season, and ironically the defeat fell at the hands of last years champions the Lancashire Red Sox. Boasting the only all British squad The Red Sox beat off stiff challenges from the Humberside County Bears, Merseyside Mariners and the Southern Tigers to claim second position after a poor start to the season.

FINAL STANDINGS FOR 1988 NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON

	WON	LOST	%	GAMES BEHIND
LONDON WARRIORS	9	1	.900	-
LANCASHIRE RED SOX	7	3	.700	2
HUMBERSIDE COUNTY BEARS	6	4	.600	3
MERSEY MARINERS	4	6	.400	5
SOUTHERN TIGERS	4	6	.400	5
NOTTINGHAM KNIGHTS	0	10	.000	9

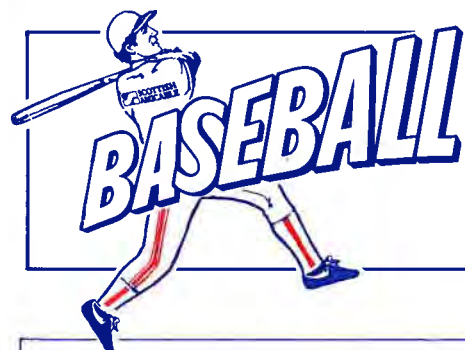
This years National League Players Awards are:-

M.V.P.	Stero Nero	Mersey Mariner
Best Pitcher	Tony Kuramitsu	London Warriors (131 strike outs)
Best Batter	Julian Dodwell	Southern Tiger (18 runs 3HR)

Off the field tough regulations laid down by the National League Executive Committee meant that all teams had to play in a sanctioned BBF stadium, with the cream of baseball playing in fitting conditions the increased crowd attendance has not come as a surprise, especially in Hull where 1200 supporters crammed into The Costello Stadium to see the Humberside County Bears play the Lancashire Red Sox in climax to the Hull Baseball Carnival.

The stage is now set for the third season of the National League, and if the high quality of this years play is anything to go by the 1989 season should not be missed.





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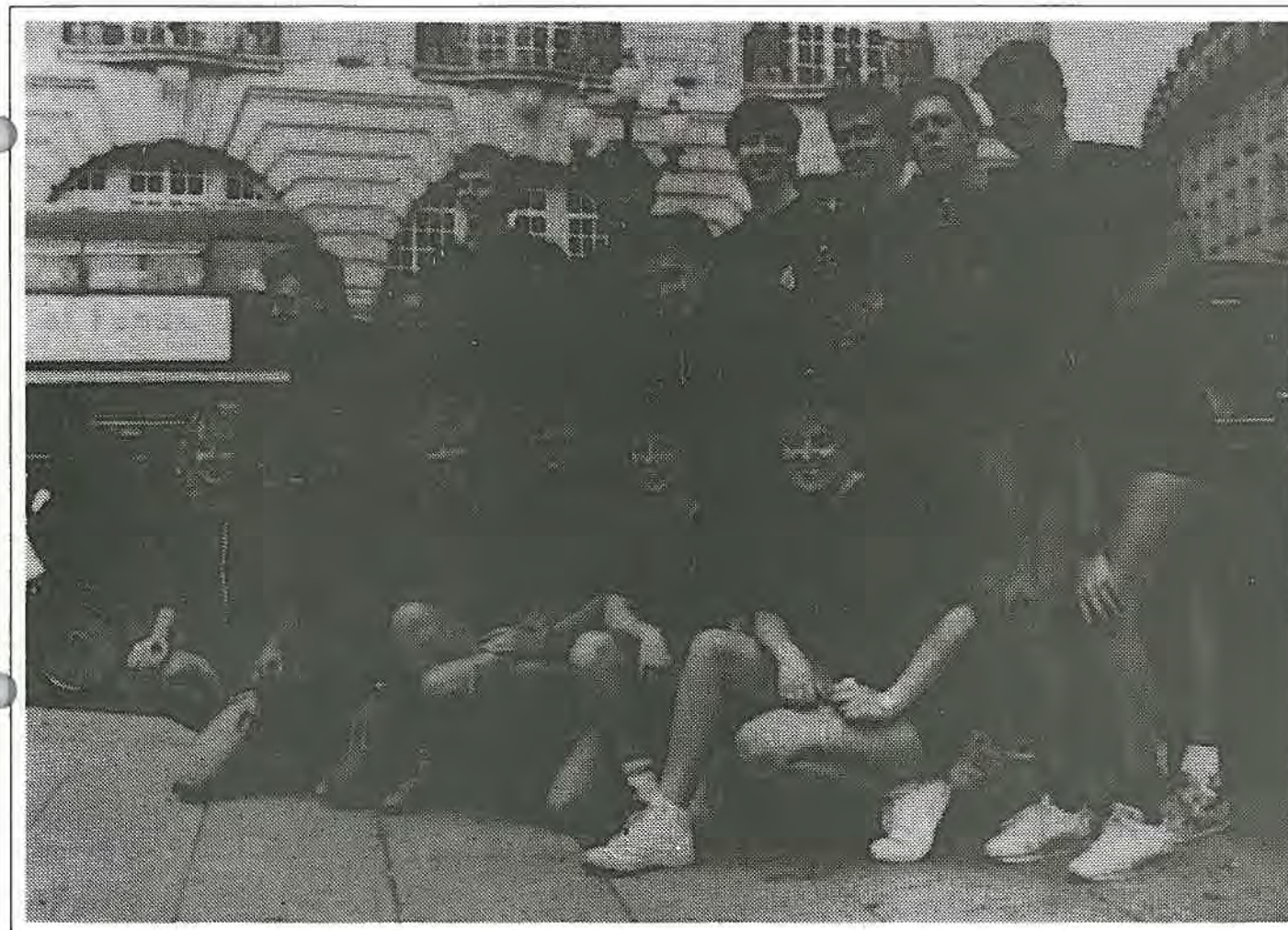
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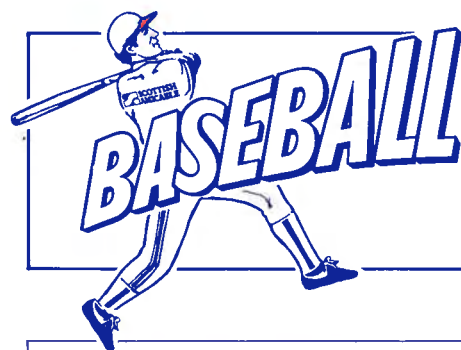


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..... Ladies, Gentlemen and Softballers, please welcome on stage to present the awards to this years IPA Softball Champions, Mr Eddie Edwards!

What ensued was a mixture of organised chaos and total exuberance as over 1000 advertising revellers cheered, chanted or simply screamed their appreciation of DMB&B's, 'Killer Bees' victory over CDP's 'Texaco Oil Stars' in the IPA Advertising League final to win the Trophy for the 3rd year out of four.

That was the climax of the Advertising Party of the year, held at Camden Palace for the second year running, in celebration of the end of the IPA Softball League's most successful season ever.

Started a mere 5 years ago with just 8 teams as more of an ongoing social event than with any serious sporting pretensions, the league now comprises nearly 70 ad agencies, competing in 2 divisions in Regents Park between May and August.

Although it is now the worlds largest league, standard varies considerably from glorified rounders to the team you'll be seeing today, the IPA Slow Pitch Select Team: The Tequila Slammers, one of the UK's best Softballing teams. That name itself captures much of the leagues philosophy: enjoy, compete and if you're good enough, win. Most of the games during the season are friendlies, with many of these based on an innovatory equalising system: each player bats having first downed a champagne - Tequila - Slammer and every base is loaded with beers the rest is largely unprintable!

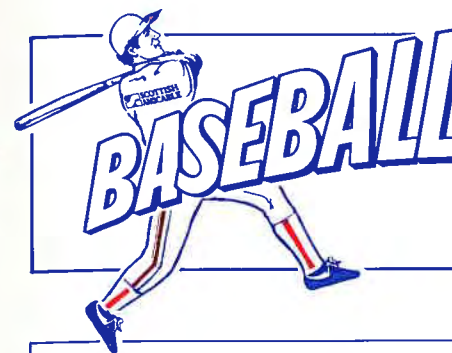
This year has also seen the league playing on behalf of Sport Aid, raising over £2,500 at the party and aiming to match that amount through everyones efforts today. Please give generously.

And that brings us to Newport Beach, Los Angeles. The Tequila Slammers, the guys and gals in the tasteful cerise strip opposing Paul Gamboccini's celebrity side, will be jetting off to the USA on October 10th as the first ever UK side to play in the Adweek Advertising World Series Tournament.

Wish us luck - we'll need it!

Anyway, I hope you enjoy the exhibition today and maybe we'll see you on the field next summer.

Julian Aldridge



EUROPEAN B CHAMPIONSHIP



Great Britain In Olympic Bid

1988 has been a tumultuous year for British Baseball at international level. The Great Britain Team comfortably won the European 'B' Championships held in Birmingham, and in a televised game the GB Under 16's beat a local US team.

It is one of British Baseball's major goals to qualify for the first 'real' Olympic competition in Barcelona in 1992. The European representatives will be the top two teams from the 1991 European 'A' Championships (plus Spain as hosts). So it was crucial to GB's hopes that they were promoted to the senior 'A' group this year.

The European 'B' pool consisted of Great Britain, Switzerland, Finland and Czechoslovakia. Despite variable weather conditions the Championships were a great success for the organisers and the Great Britain Team alike. The team dominated the competition from beginning to end, beating Finland, Switzerland, and shutting out the Czechs 11-0.

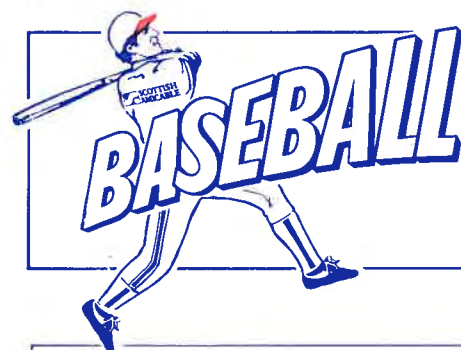
British players who swept the board with the individual awards. Brian Thurston won the tournament pitching award as well as becoming GB's Most Valuable Player. Alan Bloomfield took the batting trophy with a .625 average and Gary Sewell's two homers won him a slugging award. The coaching award went to Manager, Mike Harrold. Harrold, in his first season in the job, was delighted at the outcome. "I was tremendously impressed with the standard of play and with the way the players knitted together as a team. Obviously it will be very hard next year in France (the 'A' Championships). The standard of play will be at a higher level than most of the players have ever seen. I never make predictions but I am hoping we are going to do well."

It was the biggest boost British Baseball has had at the playing level for many years and puts us well on course for Barcelona.

The friendly junior international, GB V US, also proved a great success. With cameras from BBC's 'Move It' recording every pitch, the game reached a spectacular climax as the GB Team came from behind to win 10-9 on a home run by with two outs in the bottom of the last inning.

All in all, international development of the game is just one more reflection of baseball's continued and rapid growth in Britain. Long may it continue.





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HOW TO KEEP SCORE

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2. When a batter reaches base draw a line in his box ☐ and if he advances safely, follow his progress around the bases with further lines in the shape of a 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.

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