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THE

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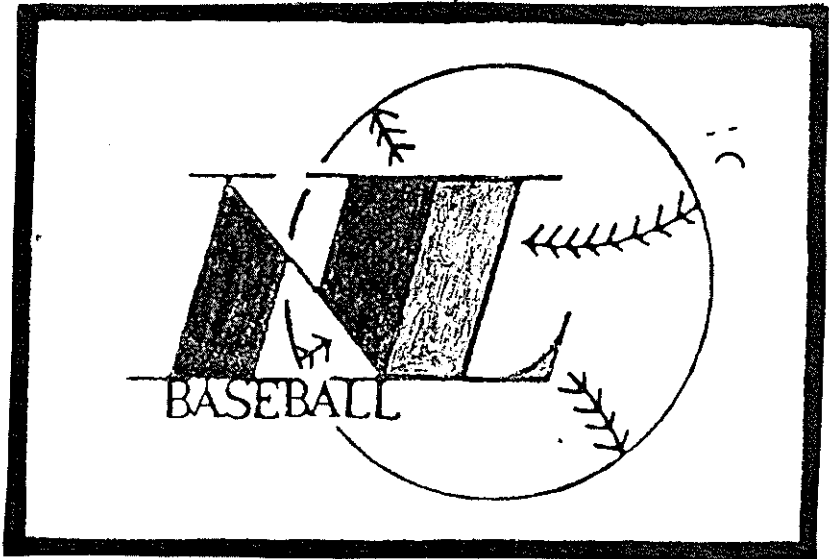
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## MEET THE PLAYERS



Iain's baseball debut was as a 10 year old pinch hitter for the Enfield Chiefs in 1977. He has certainly progressed a long way since then, pitching for the Great Britain National Team in 1988.

Iain is regarded by many as the top pitcher in the country and his statistical record certainly backs that up. During the '89 season he pitched 15 games, winning 10 and striking out 80 in 83.6 innings. He is equally productive with the bat hitting .395 and driving in 33 runs with 8 extra base hits (5 doubles, 1 triple, 2 homeruns).

The highlight of Iain's career has to be the Club Championship Final in which he pitched the Spartans to victory and won the 'Most Valuable Player' Award.

Highlights - 2nd Division All Star 1985  
MVP Award 1985 & 1986  
Batting Title 1986  
Great Britain Team 1988  
Club Championship Final MVP 1989

### Murf's Message

Today's game is vital to both clubs. One because of the close rival between the clubs but two because it's important for position on the table. With us in top position London have nothing to lose and will be throwing everything at us. I know as manager, Enfield Spartans can handle that and will win, which will consolidate our position. To all the guys, today's your game so, take it!

# JUNIOR BASEBALL

ENFIELD SPARTANS BASEBALL CLUB

Are running mixed junior coaching sessions here at King George V Playing Fields

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Wednesdays at 6.00pm - 8.00pm

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Saturdays at 10.00am - 12.00pm

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#### Fixtures For 1991

Game 1	vs	The Oldtimers May 24	Game 6	vs	Tunbridge Wells June 28
Game 2	vs	Waltham Forest Angels May 31	Game 7	vs	City Slick Sidewinders July 12
Game 3	vs	Reading Royals June 7	Game 8	vs	Sidcup Tamber Eagles July 19
Game 4	vs	Arun Panthers June 14	Game 9	vs	The Oldtimers July 26
Game 5	vs	Hounslow Rangers June 21	Game 10	vs	London Softball Allstars Aug 9

## 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 legally 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 (fles 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 runner 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 touching 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)

## GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Assist.** A throw to a fellow fielder enabling him to make a putout

**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 a chance a runner or to try to catch the defence unaware

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

**Error.** A misplayed 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 far over the outfield fence entitles the batter to an automatic run through he and any other runners still have to trot around the bases

**Innings closed.** 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 three basic pitches

- (a) The Fastball - designed to beat the batter for sheer pace (pitches have been recorded at up to 90 mph) 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 batter 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

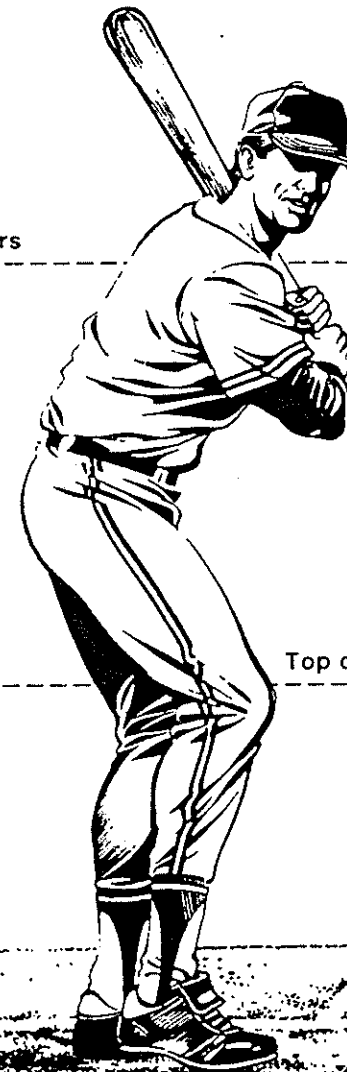
**Tag.** A player is out, tagged, if a fielder, holding the ball in his hand or glove, touches a base with his body or touches a runner with his hand or glove which is holding the ball

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

A **STRIKE** is a legal pitch when so called by the umpire, which -

- (a) Is struck at by the batter and missed;
- (b) Is not struck at, if any part of the ball passes through any part of the strike zone;
- (c) Is fouled by the batter when he has less than two strikes;
- (d) Is bunted foul;
- (e) Touches the batter as he strikes at it;
- (f) Touches the batter in flight in the strike zone; or
- (g) Becomes a foul tip.

Top of shoulders



Strike  
Zone

Top of knees

The **STRIKE ZONE** is that area over home plate the upper limit of which is a horizontal line at the midpoint between the top of the shoulders and the top of the uniform pants, and the lower level is a line at the top of the knees. The Strike Zone shall be determined from the batter's stance as the batter is prepared to swing at a pitched ball.

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# How To Score

Baseball fans can enjoy baseball summer by keeping score of the game.

The best part about keeping score is that it's easy. All you need is a basic knowledge of baseball's rules. Experts use a simple code, which is based on numbering players by their positions.

## Number Players As Follows

1—Pitcher; 2—Catcher; 3—First Baseman; 4—Second Baseman; 5—Third Baseman; 6—Shortstop; 7—Left Fielder; 8—Center Fielder; 9—Right Fielder; DH—Designated Hitter.

## Symbols for Plays

- |              |                    |
|--------------|--------------------|
| Single —     | Fielders Choice—FC |
| Double =     | Hit by Pitcher—HP  |
| Triple ≡     | Wild Pitch—WP      |
| Home Run ≡≡  | Passed Ball—PB     |
| Sacrifice—SH | Stolen Base—SB     |
| Walk—BB      | Force Out—FO       |
| Strikeout—K  | Double Play—DP     |
| Balk—BK      | Error—E            |
| Foul Fly—F   | Sacrifice Fly—SF   |

## Additional Symbols:

IW for intentional walk, L for line drive, Kc for called out on strikes, B for bunt, and a wavy line indicating a change, either for a new pitcher or batter.

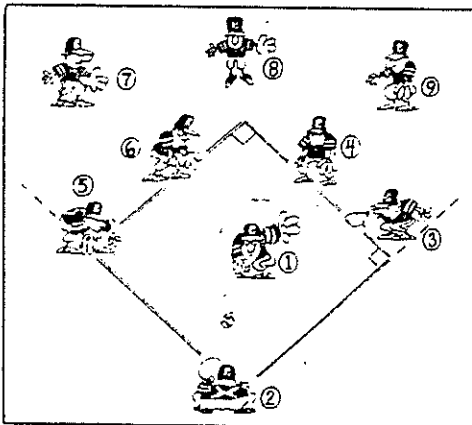
Every time a batter goes to the plate, use the number to indicate how he was retired or how he reached base.

Fielding plays retiring batters or runners also call for use of the numbers. For instance, the batter who grounds out to the shortstop is retired 6-3 in your scoring. If he flies to the right fielder, merely use the figure 9. If it is foul: 9F.

WP SB  
PB E-4

In example to left, batter reached first on an error by the second baseman, stole second, went to third on a wild pitch and scored on a passed ball.

It is convenient to encircle all runs as shown so that scoring plays may be seen at a glance.



Sample Score Sheet

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	AB	R	H	RBI	
											11	12	13	14	
4 2nd Baseman		2-6													
8 Center Fielder			FC												
5 3rd Baseman				4-5											
DH Designated Hitter					HP										
3 1st Baseman															
2 Catcher						6-4									
7 Left Fielder						DP									
9 Right Fielder															
6 Shortstop															
1 Pitcher															
Totals															

Inning 1: 4 singled thrown out stealing; 2-6 (catcher to shortstop); 8 double advanced to 3rd on a fielder's choice scored on passed ball; 5 throwout (2nd to 1st)—fielder's choice; DH hit by pitcher took 1st base; 3 fied out to center field—end of inning.

Inning 2: 2 walked later forced out shortstop to 2nd base (1st half of double play); 7 hit into double play (shortstop to 2nd base to 1st base); 9 hit home run; 6 fouled out to 1st base.

# SCORECARD

No.	HOME	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	AB	R	H	RBI
													11	12	13	14

No.	VISITORS	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	AB	R	H	RBI
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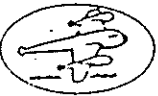
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1991 PLAYER ROSTER

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BEDDINGFIELD	Gary	British	MOWER	Gavin	British
COBB	Darrin	British	MURPHY	Ron	Australian
COOKSON	Simon	British	NELSON	Rob	American
CRUIKSHANK	Bradley	British	PEARSON	Adam	British
HATHERLY	Mark	British	PONT	Ian	British
KEEGAN	Tom	British	RUSS	David	British
KING	Mark	American	RICE	John	American
KOSTORIS	Chris	American	STEVEN	Darren	British
LANARIO	Iain	British	SIMMONS	Steve	British
LANARIO	Robert	British	VAN-DILLEN	Koen	Dutch
LANARIO	Simon	British	YUILLE	Robert	British
MARCELINO	Oscar	British			

## LONDON ATHLETICS

PLAYER ROSTA 1991

UNIFORM COLOUR: WHITE/BURGANDY

ATWORD	Harry	American	SMITH	Alan	British
BLOOMFIELD	Alan	British	THOMPSON	Brad	American
DODWELL	Julian	British	WARD	Darrin	British
GODFREY	Ben	British	WARD	Dean	British
GODFREY	Dan	British	YOUNG	Craig	Australian
KENNEDY	Anthony	Australian			

### GAMES SCHEDULE

	HOME		AWAY
August 18th	Enfield Spartans	V	Nottingham Pirates
August 25th	Enfield Spartans	V	London Athletics
September 1st	Humberside Mets	V	Enfield Spartans
September 8th	Enfield Spartans	V	Cambridge Royals
September 15th	Nottingham Hornets	V	Enfield Spartans
September 29th	Enfield Spartans	V	Liverpool Tigers

### NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE AFTER TEN WEEKS

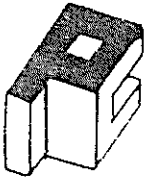
NOTTINGHAM HORNETS	11	3	-	4 wins
ENFIELD SPARTANS	8	2	1	3 wins
LONDON ATHLETICS	9	3	1	6 wins
LIVERPOOL TIGERS	5	5	4	1 loss
CAMBRIDGE ROYALS	5	7	5	4 losses
ESSEX ARROWS	5	8	5.5	4 losses
HUMBERSIDE METS	4	9	6.5	3 wins
NOTTINGHAM PIRATES	2	12	9	11 losses

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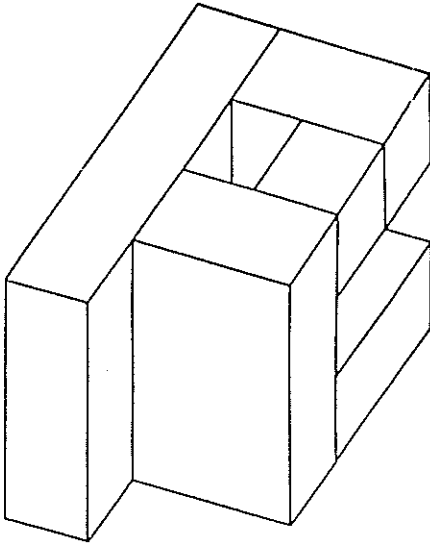
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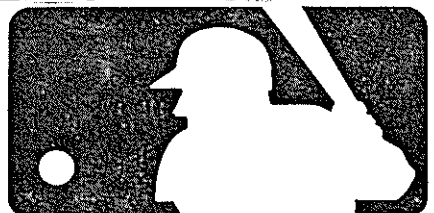
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