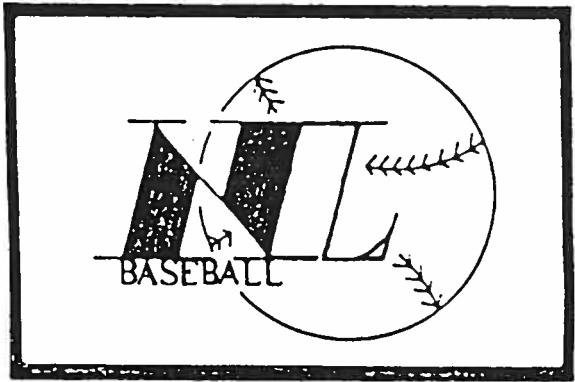


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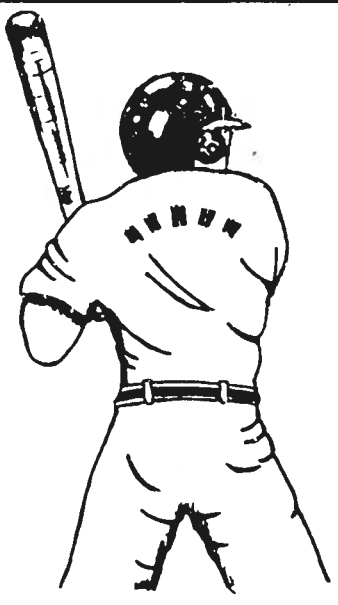
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Chairmans Message

The unexpected tie for second place between Hornets and Spartans caused us problems as far as scheduling the playoff but it did go to highlight the closeness of the competition in this years National League.

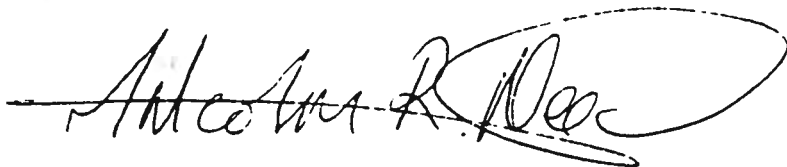
The league was set up to improve both the image and the quality of Baseball in Britain and for the most part has been a great success. The standard has been high as is the world awareness of the League. Some teams have called on the experience of overseas players, to play and coach, the benefits of this were highly evident.

We must now continue to make forward strides to develop the game. Teams such as this weekends hosts Cambridge, have been working hard to improve standards both on and off the field. Now others must follow their progressive attitude. Next season, teams playing in the National League shall be asked to fulfil much tougher criteria, with improvements to the area of play, spectator areas, coaching and youth Baseball. Also the standard of umpiring shall be upgraded through a series of clinics.

Some of the teams are already working towards taking the game into purpose built stadiums, so the future of the game here in Britain is looking brighter than it has for many years.

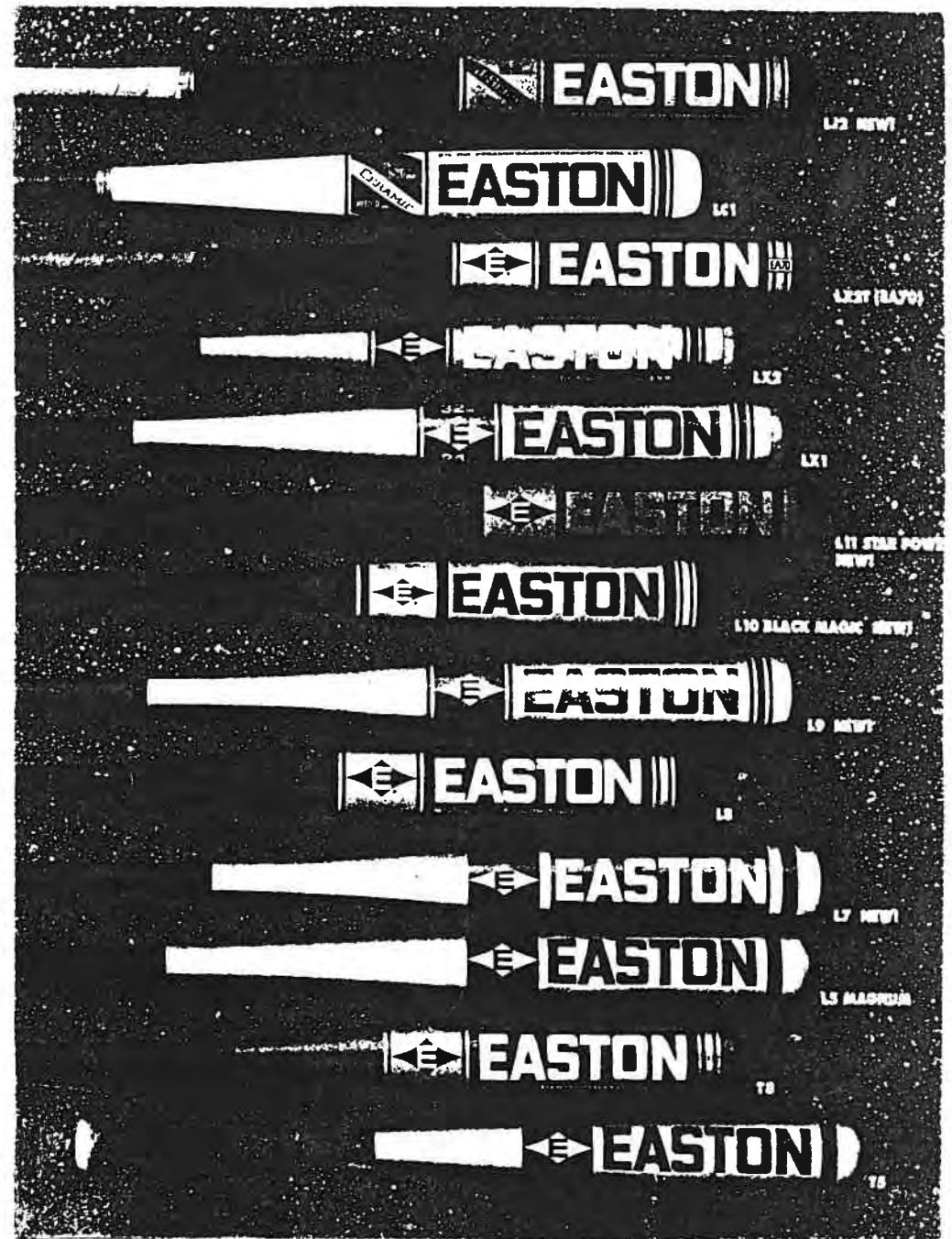
Each and every club should be congratulated for the effort put into the 1991 National League but each and every club must be reminded that next year we shall all be expected to work much harder.

for the three teams playing this weekend:
Good Luck, Play Well and enjoy the competition, then remember that even though it is the end of our season, it might just be the start of British Baseballs future.



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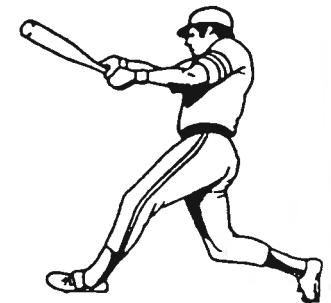
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How To Score

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

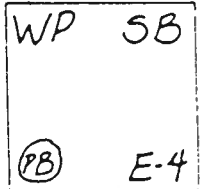
Single —	Fielders Choice—FC
Double =	Hit by Pitcher—HP
Triple ≡	Wild Pitch—WP
Home Run ≡≡	Passed Ball—PB
Sacrifice—SH	Stolen Base—SB
Walk—BB	Force Out—FO
Strikeout—K	Double Play—DP
Balk—BK	Error—E
Foul Fly—F	Sacrifice Fly—SF

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.

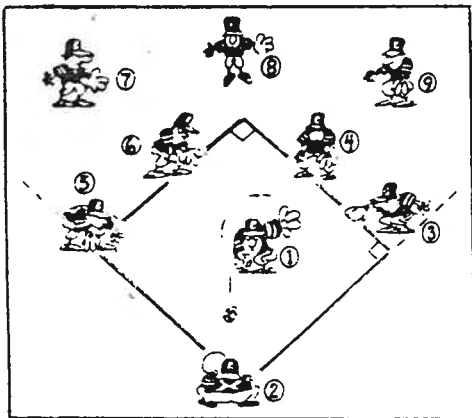
Every time a batter goes to the plate, use the number to indicate how he was retired or how he reached base.

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.



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	
4 2nd Baseman	2-6		4 singled thrown out stealing (catcher to shortstop)
8 Center Fielder	FC		8 doubled advanced to 3rd on 8 fielder's choice scored on passed ball
5 3rd Baseman	4-5		8 throwout (2nd to 1st)—fielder's choice
DH Designated Hitter	HP		DH hit by pitcher took 1st base
3 1st Baseman	8		3 tied out to center field—end of inning
2 Catcher	6-4		
7 Left Fielder	DP		2 walked later forced out shortstop to 2nd base (1st half of double play)
9 Right Fielder	9		7 hit into double play (shortstop to 2nd base to 1st base)
6 Shortstop	3F		9 hit home run
1 Pitcher			8 fouled out to 1st base
Totals	R H	1 2	1 1

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
													11	12	13	14

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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)

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 advance 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, though 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

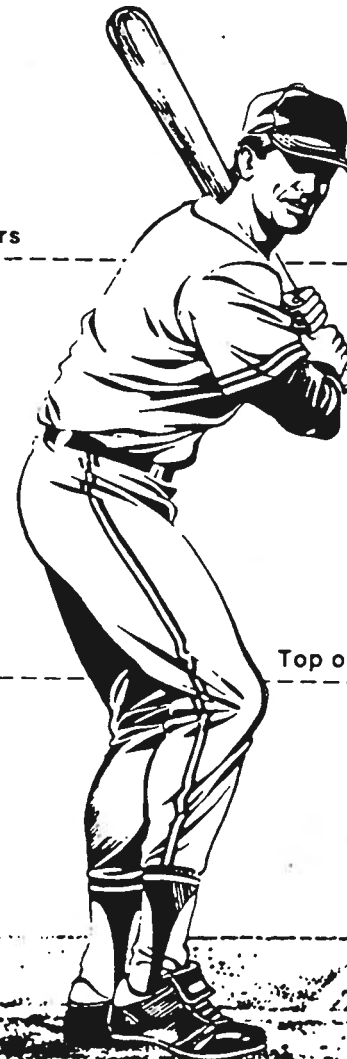
Tag. A player is out (tagged) if a fielder, holding the ball in his hand or glove, touches a base with his body or touches a runner with his hand or glove which is holding the ball

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.

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Top of knees

Strike
Zone

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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THE TEAMS

London Athletics :

Although only formed this year to compete in the National League, Athletics have proved the ability to play by finishing top of the League. Now they must wait to see who they will play in the three game playoff. The Athletics also boast many British internationals in their squad and with talented veterans such as Brad Thompson and Alan Smith running the show its little wonder that the team has played so well. The fact that both Spartans and Hornets have to play one game more than the Athletics means that they must start as favorites for the championship this is confirmed by this seasons results with London having two wins out of three against both Enfield and Nottingham.

Enfield Spartans

The Spartans have struggled to regain the consistency of past years in this much more competitive league. Being crowned as the most successful British team in recent history, the Spartans have added two American pitchers to their already strong squad. Formed in 1976 the Spartans have always been a progressive team both on and off the field and with their latest plans to be the first British team playing in a purpose built stadium, that trend continues. The Enfield squad has four current internationals playing in it and on their day are definitely the team to beat.

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NOTTINGHAM HORNETS

The Hornets were better known as the Southglade Hornets, taking their name from the ground that they used for many years. Formed in 1976 the team can boast four BBF knockout cup final appearances including one win in 1986. Hornets were also the first British club in modern day history to compete in Europe, in the 1988 European cup 'B' pool in Belgium. The team is run by current Great Britain Team Manager Mike Harrold. Mike himself being an ex international player has brought the team to its present position and the team now has many internationals within its squad. Some good performances this season has put the Hornets in with a real chance of making in playoffs.

PREVIOUS ENCOUNTERS

Spartans	V Hornets	Athletics	V Hornets	Athletics	V Spartans
* 5 - 3			15 - 0 *		*13 - 6
4 - 2 *			2 - 3 *		* 2 - 5
5 - 6 *			*12 - 2		6 - 2*

* Denotes Home team

THIS WEEKEND

Due to the tie in the final League standings for second place between Hornets and Spartans, the National League were forced to schedule a playoff eliminator between the two teams to decide who would meet London Athletics in the playoff proper. The eliminator will take place at 11 O'clock on Saturday 5th October.

Game one of the playoff proper will start at 2 O'clock on the same day. Game two and three will be played at King George V Playing Fields in Enfield starting at 1 O'clock. London Athletics who have home field advantage in these games, have chosen to play at the Enfield ground.

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			



ENFIELD SPARTANS

1991 PLAYER ROSTER

UNIFORM COLOUR: GREY/NAVY

BIEGUN	AMOS	BRITISH	MOWER	GAVIN	BRITISH
BEDINGFIELD	GARY	BRITISH	MURPHY	RON	AUSTRALIAN
COBB	DARRIN	BRITISH	NELSON	ROB	AMERICAN
HATHERLY	MARK	BRITISH	RUSS	DAVID	BRITISH
KEEGAN	TOM	BRITISH	STEVENS	DARREN	BRITISH
KOSTORIS	CHRIS	AMERICAN	SIMMONS	STEVE	BRITISH
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LANARIO	ROBERT	BRITISH	OSCAR	MARCELINO	BRITISH
LANARIO	SIMON	BRITISH			

NOTTINGHAM HORNETS

1991 PLAYER ROSTA

UNIFORM COLOUR: ORANGE/WHITE

Allsopp	John	British	Harold	Stephen	British
Ashford	Ian	British	Morris	Wayne	British
Ball	Jason	British	Neecham	Chris	British
Bowden	Darren	British	Penwarden	Tony	British
Bradley	Steve	British	Sewell	Gary	British
Edwards	Steve	British	Sewell	Steve	British
Ellis	Anthony	British	Smith	Steve	British
Ellis	Dave	British	Timson	Adam	British
Harold	Michael	British			

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LONDON ATHLETICS	17	4	-
ENFIELD SPARTANS	16	5	1
NOTTINGHAM HORNETS	16	5	1
HUMBERSIDE METS	10	11	7
CAMBRIDGE ROYALS	8	13	9
ESSEX ARROWS	6	15	11
LIVERPOOL TIGERS	6	15	11
NOTTINGHAM PIRATES	5	16	12

SLUGGERS

On Saturday 12th October at King George V playing fields in Enfield. The Enfield Spartans play hosts to the London Sluggers in aid of the Lydia Gilkes fund. The Sluggers who are owned by Glen Murphy of ITV's Londons Burning are a celebrity team that play Baseball to raise money for charity. Expected at the game on Saturday are Glen himself, Terry Marsh, Todd Carty, Nick Berry Gary Mason and a host of others. All proceeds from the game will help young Lydia Gilkes who suffers from Rett Syndrome.

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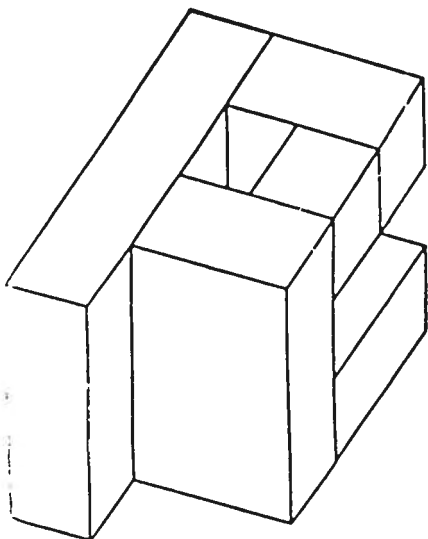




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