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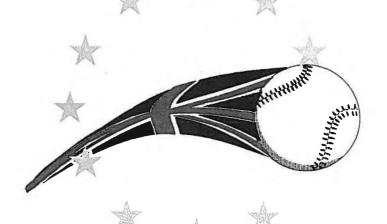


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Welcome to the city of Kingston upon Hull for the 1996 CEB European B Pool Championship. Ten countries from very diverse cultures vie for two places in the A Pool and then conceivably a chance at Olympic qualification.



Preparations for a tournament of this stature are never smooth and would have been impossible without the co-operation and goodwill of the baseball culture in Hull.

The organising committee successfully arranged and executed all aspects with the minimum of fuss and often with the minimum of praise. The Federation would like to offer its sincere appreciation to the Hull Mets, Hull Royals and Hessle Apaches baseball clubs.

As with all special events there are major players in both the support and funding.

Kingston upon Hull City Council Leisure Services provided impressive support in helping the event become a reality. The Sports Council and the Foundation for Sport and the Arts once again gave generously in funding to provide a lasting legacy for baseball.

Our own hope rests with an excellent Great Britain squad of dedicated players and coaching staff. The time is right for the British Baseball Federation to take its rightful place with the elite teams in Europe. Claiming one of the two promotion places will be no easy task but we have the capabilities and ambition to make it happen.

Major League Baseball and the British Baseball Federation coaching staff will be on hand to provide tuition at various times throughout the week. Regular players or the 'just plain curious', everyone is welcome to participate.

We salute our opponents and hope they enjoy both the baseball and the hospitality available in the region. Let the festival commence. Play Ball!

Yours for baseball,

Stephen R. Herbert

Stephen R. Herbert
President of the British Baseball Federation
Executive member of the Confederation of European Baseball











GUILDHALL KINGSTON UPON HULL

As Lord Mayor of Kingston upon Hull I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the competitors and officials who have come to the City for these European Baseball Championships. I hope you all have a successful competition and enjoy your stay in Hull.

We are absolutely delighted that, once again, Hull has the facilities and the expertise to deliver a major international event, proving that we can compete with the rest of the United Kingdom when it comes to providing opportunities for people to participate in and watch top quality sport in the City.

It is wonderful to see so many countries attending these Championships. I trust you will find some time to enjoy some of the many features and attractions which Hull has to offer, and that you will go home with very special memories of your sporting week in Hull.

I wish all of you a rewarding and enjoyable competition.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE GAME

Baseball is played between two teams of nine players. The object of the game is to score more runs than the opposition. A run is scored when a batter advances around all the bases reaching home plate. A run can be scored in stages, in that the batter does not have to get all the way around on one hit. If the batter does get around on one hit, this is called a home run.

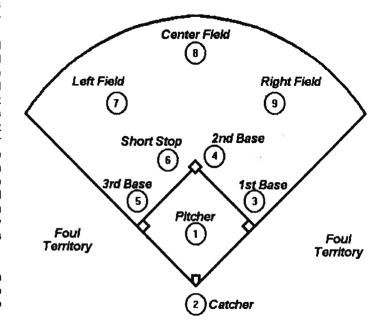
A baseball game consists of nine innings, with each team batting nine times. An innings ends when three players of the batting side are out. The batter is allowed three strikes before being called out; on the other hand, four balls allows the batter a 'walk' to first base.

A strike is a pitched ball that passes over the home plate between the batter's knees and armpits. This area is known as the strike zone. A strike will also be called if the batter swings and misses, whatever the location. If the batter hits the ball into foul territory, a strike will also be called, for the first two strikes. Strikes are called by the home plate

umpire, who is positioned directly behind the catcher. A ball is called when a pitched ball is out side the strike zone, and the batter does not swing. A fair hit is a batted ball that settles in fair in the territory infield or lands in fair territory in the outfield. If a batted ball is caught on the fly by any fielder the batter is out.

A batter must run for first base once he hits the ball; he is out if the ball is held on first base before he reaches it. At second base, third base and home plate the runner must be actually tagged with the ball, unless the runners are forced to advance. No base can be occupied by more than one runner, therefore if there is a runner on first base and the batter hits the ball, the runner must run to second base to free first base for the batter. In this situation the fielder does not have to tag the runner: he can just step on the base with the ball in his possession. A base runner does not have to advance to the next base on a hit unless he is forced to by the next runner advancing.

The essence of the game of baseball is the duel between pitcher and batter. The pitcher has to outwit the batter using different pitches, speeds and target locations in the strike zone. The batter's job is to get on base safely, then to attempt to score. Generally the pitcher has the upper hand, with even the best batters only getting fair hits in three out of ten attempts.



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HOW TO KEEP SCORE

- Write the nine names of the batting order (as given by the announcer) in the numbered boxes and each player's fielding position number in the small box to the right. The fielding numbers and positions are: Pitcher (1); Catcher (2); First Baseman (3); Second Baseman (4); Third Baseman (5); Shortstop (6); Left Fielder (7), Centre Fielder (8); Right Fielder (9) (see diagram on previous page).
- 2. When a batter reaches base make the grey line darker in his box and if he advances safely, follow his progress around the bases with further lines in the shape of a diamond. If he scores a run, shade in the diamond.
- When a batter or runner is out, denote the out in his box with a circled number.
- 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 column.
- If the scores are tied after 9 innings additional innings will be played to find a winner.

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Write in the score each half inning for each side

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UMPIRE SIGNS

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. 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 indicated by an upward and downward motion of the right arm. If a runner is called safe, both arms will be extended from the sides.

INTRODUCING THE GREAT BRITAIN SQUAD



Peter ARTHUR #22, having lived in the States represented the GB Junior squad for 4 years. for many years, is now living in Leeds and has played baseball for 17 years. This is his first William JENKINS #21 is in his first year vear representing GR

Alan BLOOMFIELD #4. from London has played baseball for 21 years, representing GB for 14 of them. During his time in the game he has won many of the BBF's prestigious awards

Raymond BROWNLIE #29. first player to win night. the BBF triple crown in the 1993 season is the veteran of the squad. This is his sixth year representing GB. In the 1994 championships. he was star of the show hitting 6 home runs.

Nick CARTER #1 is a product of the excellent youth programme in Tonbridge. At the age of 21 this will be his second year representing GR

Josh CHETWYND #18, is another guy having lived in the States for many years and has been playing baseball for 20 years. This will Frank PARKER #28 is the longest serving be his first year representing GB.

with the GB senior team, but has been a star in the Junior and Cadet squads for many years. David is dedicated to baseball, James PEARCE #20 plays for the London travelling some 300 miles from Scotland to train with the squad

Martyn DUTTON #17 narrowly missed being selected for the Atlanta Braves in 1994 after attending their spring training. Martyn lives in Birmingham and has played baseball for 10 vears.

Neil EGGLESTON #2, another product of the GB youth squads, lives in Nottingham and has played baseball for 10 years.

Lee EVANS #9, a rising star from the Hull Mets youth programme, Lee has played baseball for 10 of his 19 years. He has

representing GB. Billy is another dedicated player travelling each week from Scotland

Alex MALIHOUDIS #7, at 17 years of age is the voungest member of the squad but certainly not short on talent or enthusiasm Alex has spent the last year at College in the States, playing baseball morning, noon and

Andrew MALTBY #10, the strong silent member of the squad is another product of the Hull vouth programme. He has been playing baseball for half of his 24 years.

Gavin MARSHALL #30, is another one having spent the last couple of years at college in the States. Gavin lives to play baseball and is following in the footsteps of both his father and grandfather

member of the squad having been there for some 18 years. Following in his father's David DONALDSON #11, is in his first season footsteps Frank has been playing baseball for 28 of his 34 years.

Wolves and has represented GB for 5 years.

Simon RADGE #23, another veteran of the squad at the age of 34 has been playing baseball for 19 years in the Hull area.

Neil READ #15, another product of the Hull Mets youth programme has been playing baseball for 26 years. This will be his 16th year representing his country.

Brian THURSTON #24 for many years has terrorised international batters with his blistering battery of pitches. Age 27 Brian is another local player.

Mark VICKERS #13 is an outstanding Ralph Rago #16, is a former high school and shortstop. He has lived for many of his 27 University of California coach. He has played vears in Australia.

Darrin WARD #26 is one of a family of baseballing brothers, having played baseball for over half of his 30 years.

the squad, plays for the countries oldest club. Hull Royals. Andy has played baseball for 15 of his 24 years.

Joseph YARNOLD #19, the star of the outfield, plays for the Birmingham Bandits. This will be his fourth year representing GB.

The team are coached by the following:

pro-ball in the US and has worked as a Major League Baseball International Envoy Coach for several years. He has been GB Head Coach for the past year.

Barry Marshall #27, has played baseball in Andrew WILTSHIRE, the newest member of Hull for some 30 years, representing Great Britain for many of them.

> Gary Roberts #25, is pitching coach for the squad, and haits from the Birmingham area.

> Gary Van Tol #14. Major League Baseball International Envoy Coach, has been coaching the GB squad for the summer.

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Hessle	Norway	V	Lithuania
Hull East	Czech Republic	V	Ireland
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Baseball in Britain has experienced a chequered past. Baseball has been played in this country since 1874, when a tour of

American professionals was held.

The Baseball Association of Great Britain was founded in 1890. It appears that former Boston and Cincinnati player A G Spalding was the driving force behind this development. Spalding, a sports goods manufacturer, offered to finance baseball teams that were associated with any professional football club. However, only four clubs, Derby, Stoke, Preston and Aston Villa took up the offer. Aston Villa were the first champions, but this enterprise was short-lived.

The boom period for British baseball came in the 1930s. In 1933 Sir John Moores of Littlewoods Pools established the National Baseball Association. From 1935-9, he helped to develop leagues all over the country, including Lancashire, Yorkshire, London, Birmingham and South Wales. Many amateur leagues were formed, and from the period 1936-9, professional leagues were developed in both the north of England and the London area. The highlight of this period was the victory by England over the United States in a five-match series. This was acknowledged by the International Baseball Association as the first World Amateur Championships.

The onset of the Second World War restricted the growth of baseball in this country. However the game still remained strong in areas such as Hull, Liverpool, Nottingham and London. Presently the game in Britain is administered by the British Baseball Federation, The showpiece of the game is the Premier Division, which consists of sixteen teams in two divisions:

BBF Premier Division

NORTH
Hull Mets
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Hull Warriors
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Birmingham Bandits
Nottingham Stealers
Liverpool Troians

Enfield Spartans
Hounslow Rangers
Brighton Buccaneers
Essex Arrows
London Wolves
London Warriors
Hemel Red Sox
Cambridge Monarchs

At the end of the regular season, play-offs take place to decide the national champions. Past winners have been 1994 - Humberside Mets, 1995 - Menwith Hill Pirates. The Premier Division is fed by regional leagues based throughout the country, which contain a total of 50 senior teams and 40 junior teams.

Great Britain also competes at international level, with senior (open age) and junior (age 16-18) teams. In 1988 Great Britain won the European B Championships held in Birmingham. In 1993 Great Britain Juniors won the European B Championships in Barcelona.

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