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1997 COORS BASEBALL LEAGUE FINAL



Saturday 27 & Sunday 28 September 1997



BRITISH SCHOOL'S BASEBALL & SOFTBALL PROGRAM

PROGRAMME: 50p

The 1997 British baseball season comes to an exciting climax as we see not one but three important events taking place this week-end, 27/28 September.



Strike one! It's the best of the youth as All Star teams from the North and South go head to head. Those players selected made it through tough opposition in the respective regional All Star tournaments. Expect to see some great performances by some emerging stars for the future.

Strike two! Pitch, Hit & Run, the schools programme closes the second successful year and the cream of the BBF / MLBI school children compete for the title National champion.

Strike three! It's showtime as the Cobras of Kingston-upon-Hull take on the Warriors of London in a three game series for the title COORS Baseball League Champion. Game one on Saturday after the previous events will see a close game as both teams try to go one up and apply the pressure for games two and three on Sunday.

The revamped final, sponsored by COORS, showcases some of the finest players in Great Britain with both team rosters containing international Squad members.

I hope to see you all there this week-end for the biggest and best in British baseball.

Yours for baseball,

*Stephen R. Herbert*

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

## Programme of Events

### **Saturday 27 September 1997**

**11.00am**

1997 BBF / PONY All-Star Game

**12 noon**

1997 National Pitch, Hit and Run  
Finals

**2.00pm**

COORS BASEBALL LEAGUE FINAL -  
Game 1

### **Sunday 28 September 1997**

**11.00am**

COORS BASEBALL LEAGUE FINAL -  
Game 2

**2.00pm**

COORS BASEBALL LEAGUE FINAL -  
Game 3 (if required)



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# World Series

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Game 1	Saturday 18 October
Game 2	Sunday 19 October
Game 3	Tuesday 21 October
Game 4	Wednesday 22 October
Game 5	Thursday 23 October
Game 6	Saturday 25 October
Game 7	Sunday 26 October

# Kingston Cobras

Kingston Cobras are the current Premier Division North Champions. In this year's series quarter finals they went the full three games against Brighton Buccaneers winning the first 19-3, losing the second 2-12 and winning the third 9-8. In the semi final they beat Enfield Spartans 6-2 and 15-10 in two very close games. Their squad boasts a total of seven Great Britain International players. They last reached the final in 1993 and 1994, winning on both occasions.

Cobras squad this weekend will consist of the following players:

Matthew Atkinson	Stuart Eskrett
Lee Evans	Andrew Maltby
Barry Marshall	Frank Parker
Andrew Peacock	Ryan Pryor
Neil Read	Paul Reading
Andrew Smith	Brian Thurston
Phillip Thurston	Andrew Whittaker
Nick Whittaker	Andrew Wiltshire

London Warriors are the current Premier Division South Champions and have sailed their way through the play-off games winning against Nottingham Stealers 21-1 and 17-1 in the quarter finals and Menwith Hill Patriots 15-6 and 10-3 in the semi finals. Their squad has two Great Britain international players. The Warriors have reached the final for the previous two years, being pipped at the post both times by Menwith Hill Patriots.

Warriors squad this weekend will consist of the following players:

Chris Ackley	Harry Atwood
Alan Bloomfield	Kevin Coldiron
Ray Crook	Nathan Dunn
Oliver Heidecker	Ray Huggett
Richard Kemp	Oliver Knaack
Yuji Koma	Noah Margetts
Maurizio Mosca	Craig Perry
Hiroto Seki	Richard Sellers
Alan Smith	Brad Thompson
Darrin Ward	Dean Ward

# London Warriors

# BBF / PONY NATIONAL ALL-STAR GAME

The National Youth All Star Final brings together the best players from all of our leagues around the country.

The players selected for the two conferences, were nominated by their clubs and played for their Divisional All-Star team, at the two regional tournaments held in Bracknell and Manchester in August. At these tournaments, players were then chosen to represent their conference in today's game.

This is a great honour for the players involved, and we are looking forward to a great game, with a lot of talent on view.

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## NORTH

Aaron Davidson - Bolton Knights  
Kevin Stidham - Bolton Knights  
Wayne Harvey -  
Dundee Dragons  
John Young - Dundee Dragons  
Jae Saleh - Hessle Apaches  
Wayne Evans - Hull Mets  
Guy Hales - Leeds Lugnuts  
Andrew Walter - Leeds Lugnuts  
John Dowdle -  
Menwith Hill Pirates  
Jason Cromes - Trafford Saints  
Robert Denham -  
Trafford Saints  
David Fisher - Trafford Saints  
Paul Kendall - Trafford Saints  
Drew Lattimer - Trafford Saints  
Tommy Booth -  
Sheffield Pumas

Coaches: Alan Wilson  
Arthur Kendal



## SOUTH

Kelly Butler - Bournemouth B's  
Chris Allen - Bournemouth B's  
David Blackman -  
Bracknell Scorchers  
Luke Russell -  
Bracknell Scorchers  
William Everett -  
Windsor Little League  
David Gathergood -  
Windsor Little League  
Guy Douglas -  
Windsor Little League  
James Sales -  
Windsor Little League  
Aidan Campbell -  
Chiltern Blue Jays  
Oliver Blower -  
Chiltern Blue Jays  
Peter Dolphin -  
Chiltern Blue Jays  
Ben Ward -  
Cambridge Monarchs  
Liam Bath - Hemel Red Sox  
Suneal Jandu - Hemel Red Sox  
Lee Manning - Hemel Red Sox  
Liam Bath - Crewkerne

Coaches: Gren Bonfield  
Stephen Gilbert

## NATIONAL PITCH, HIT AND RUN FINALS

The Pitch Hit & Run Finals consist of four different baseball skills tests, involving throwing accuracy, throwing distance, hitting distance and running speed. Each team is represented by a boy and a girl. Their scores will be added together to make a total score for their team. Today there are 11 competing teams from all over the country.



The children participating in today's Pitch Hit & Run Final have qualified through school, area and regional competitions to make it to the national final. We have finalists in two age groups Year 6 (Under 11) and Year 8 (Under 13)

We would like to thank our Pitch Hit & Run sponsors for 1997. They are Channel 5, Franklin, Russell Athletic, Allsports and Kenko.

### YEAR 6

Karl Baron	Hull
Sally Birks	Hull
Sam Morris	Leeds
Hannah Park	Leeds
Sam Bentham	Plymouth
Joy Newman	Plymouth
George Lintern	Tonbridge
Kimberley Kidd	Tonbridge
Ben Viney	Tonbridge
Annabelle Taylor	Tonbridge

### YEAR 8

Paul Bowles	Bracknell
Helen Burgess	Bracknell
Steven Childs	Bradford
Aimee Driver	Bradford
Damian Robertson	Halifax
Pia Rattigan	Halifax
Shane Luker	Tonbridge
Robyn Senator	Tonbridge
Stuart Lucas	Tonbridge
Rebecca Martin	Tonbridge
Scott Linden	Plymouth
Elise Toogood	Plymouth



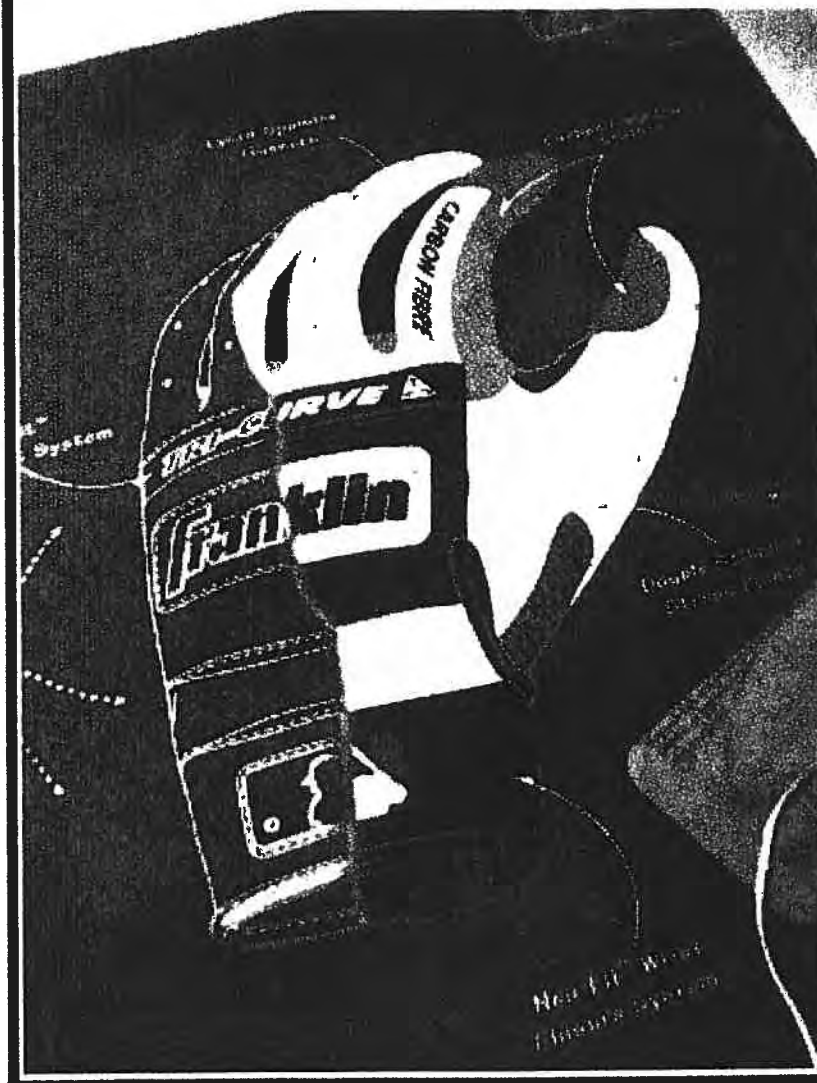
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## **BASEBALL IN GREAT BRITAIN**

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 listed below.

At the end of the regular season, play-offs take place to decide the national champions. Past winners have been 1994 - Humberside Mets, 1995 & 1996 - Menwith Hill Patriots. 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 1996 they won the European B Championships held in Hull which ranked them 11th in Europe, and in 1997 competed in the European A Championships in Paris, improving their placing to 9th in Europe. In 1993 Great Britain Juniors won the European B Championships in Barcelona and in 1997 finished 4th in the European B Championships held in Hull.



### **Coors Baseball League Premier Division**

#### **NORTH**

Kingston Cobras  
Lancashire Tigercats  
Hull Warriors  
Leeds Luddites  
Menwith Hill Pirates  
Birmingham Bandits  
Nottingham Stealers  
Liverpool Trojans

#### **SOUTH**

Enfield Spartans  
Hounslow Rangers  
Brighton Buccaneers  
Essex Arrows  
London Warriors

## 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

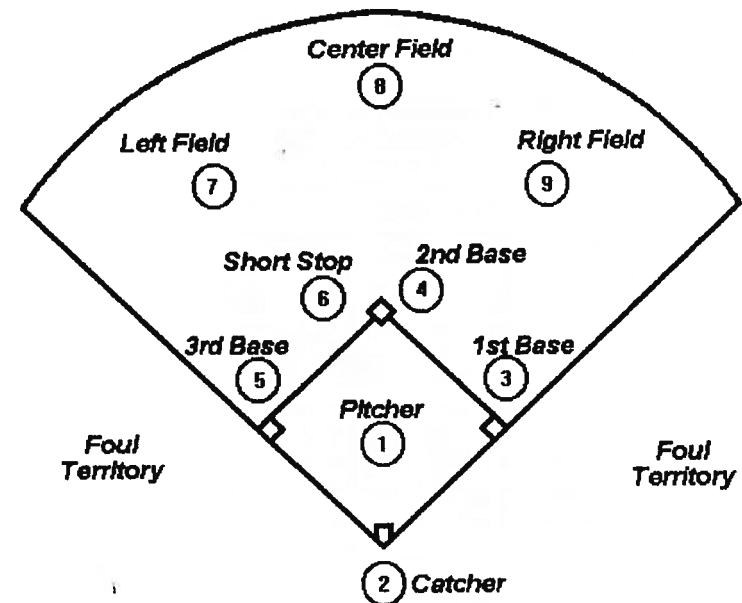
batter hits the ball into foul territory, a strike will also be called, for the first two strikes. Strikes are called by the home plate umpire, who is positioned directly behind the catcher. A ball is called when a pitched ball is out side the strike zone, and the batter does not swing. A fair hit is a batted ball that settles in fair territory in the 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.

has the upper hand, with even the best batters only getting fair hits in three out of ten attempts.

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





# 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).
- 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.
- 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.

## EXAMPLE OF COMPLETED SCORESHEET

PLAYERS		1	2	3
1	A Wiltshire 6			
	SUB			
2	S Radge 5			
	SUB			
3	G Marshall 1			
	SUB			
4	F Parker 3			
	SUB			

# SCORECARD

PLAYERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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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.

SCORECARD										
PLAYERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Write in the score each half inning for each side

TEAMS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	TOTAL

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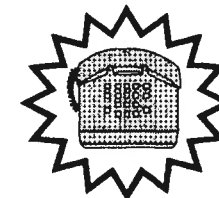
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