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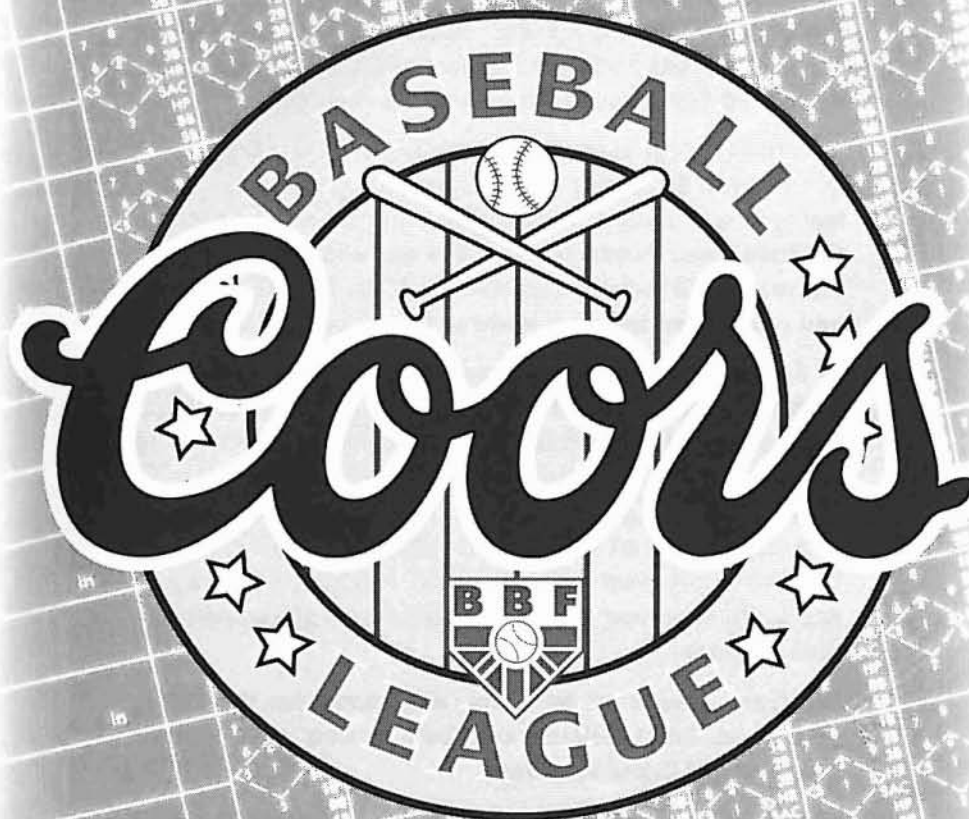
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COORS BASEBALL LEAGUE FINAL



PROGRAMME



The climax of the 1998 British Baseball season has arrived and this weekend will see the best of the best battle it out on the 5-6 September at Pavilion Field in Brighton.

A Saturday 10am start will see the cream of junior baseball as the 1998 BBF/PONY All-Stars take the field. This event last year was of an extremely high standard and provided a thrilling game that swung first one way and then the other. The teams will include a smattering of Great Britain players and some emerging stars pushing for an International cap.

At 2pm the main event will commence, the Coors Baseball League Final. This will be Game One of the traditional three-game series marking the close of yet another exciting season. Always an important game, as neither club will want to start Sunday a game down. Both clubs will seek to dominate early and hold out to apply the pressure for Game Two. With the progression of both coaching and playing standards we expect a close contest that could go down to the last game.

The final, sponsored by Coors, will show-case the finest players in Great Britain and both rosters will contain International Squad members.

I hope to see you all there as the Brighton Baseball Club and Brighton and Hove Council have worked hard to provide the biggest British Baseball event ever.

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 5 September 1998

10.00am 1998 BBF / PONY All-Star Game

This games brings together the best young players in the country

2.00pm COORS BASEBALL LEAGUE FINAL - Game 1

The start of the three game series, seeing our top two teams play for the title of Coors Baseball League Champions

Sunday 6 September 1998

11.00am COORS BASEBALL LEAGUE FINAL - Game 2

Following from the previous day, our top teams continue in their battle

2.00pm COORS BASEBALL LEAGUE FINAL - Game 3 (if required)

It could be all decided, or this will be the deciding game. This will be followed by presentation of awards to the two teams.

THE TEAMS

Menwith Hill Patriots

The Menwith Hill Patriots have been in the Coors Baseball League Premier Division since the 1995 season, following promotion from Division One of the Northern Conference. They were formerly known as the Menwith Hill Pirates (1995 – 1996) and changed to the Patriots at the start of the 1997 season.

Menwith Hill Patriots are the current Premier Division North Champions, cruising their way through the league games finishing 19-1, with only a few close games.

The Patriots were the Coors Baseball League Champions in 1995 and 1996 and lost to the London Warriors, their opponents this year in the semi-finals in the 1997 season.

The Patriots team leaders in hitting are Ryan Nichols, Paul LaPointe and Kevin Slater, all of whom have batting averages above 0.500. Their pitching this season is led by Bob Benitez who was 7-0 with a 2.93 ERA and

Vince Hurley who was 4-1 with a 2.93 ERA.

In this year's play-offs Menwith had some close games, in the first round they played Hounslow Blues and went the full three games with scores of 4-2, 2-3 and 18-8, and in the second round played Brighton Buccaneers winning 13-12 and 7-6.

Patriots squad this weekend will consist of the following players:

Doug Adams	Paul Baron
Bob Benitez	Phil R Carpenter
John Creasy	Clifton Duhon
Robin Hanser	Vince Hurley
Juan Jasso	Bill Keeler
George Lambatsos	Paul LaPointe
Keith Lewis	Ben Marks
Robert Miller	Ryan Nichols
Luis Ortega	Mike Rekus
Russel Schneider	Kevin Slater
Todd Solberg	Michael Via

London Warriors

The London Warriors were founded in 1980 and played for six seasons, winning the National Championship twice, being runners up once and semi-finalists once. The team was rested for four years before being revived as the London Athletics and playing for two seasons, being runners up and semi-finalists.

In 1992 the team again played as the London Warriors and recorded the following results:

1992	National Champions
1993	National Champions
1994	Semi-finalists
1995	Runners Up
1996	Runners Up
1997	National Champions

The Warriors were Southern Division Champions for all the years in which they were in the play-offs. The Warriors also played in the Scottish Amicable National

League for three years, winning once and being runners up once.

The Warriors have an 18-player squad this season comprising players from eight different countries.

They also have three current Great Britain squad players; Alan Bloomfield, Darrin Ward and Michael Osborn and one former player Alan Smith.

For the 1997 season Alan Bloomfield received the Premier Division Most Valuable Player and Batting Champion awards, Chris Ackley received the 1997 Coors Baseball League Final Most Valuable Player Award and Kevin Coldiron received the 1997 Coach Of the Year award.

Over the past few years the London Warriors

have also toured in Europe, competing in France, Germany and Holland.

In this year's play-offs Warriors had some close games, in the first round they played Leeds Luddites winning 13-3 and 34-1, and in the second round played Enfield Spartans winning 7-4 and 20-6.

Warriors squad this weekend will consist of the following players:

Chris Ackley	Harry Atwood
Alan Bloomfield	Kevin Coldiron
Ray Crook	Roderick Davies-Valdes
Ray Huggett	Richard Kemp
Maurizio Mosca	Pavlo Maksymchuk
Michael Osborn	Craig Perry
Hiroto Seki	Marc Shotten
Rich Silverman	Alan Smith
Darrin Ward	Dean Ward

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Game 2 – Sunday 18 October
Game 3 – Tuesday 20 October
Game 4 – Wednesday 21 October
Game 5 – Thursday 22 October
Game 6 – Saturday 24 October
Game 7 – Sunday 25 October



BBF/PONY NATIONAL JUNIOR ALL-STAR GAME

The National Youth All Star Final brings together the best young 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.

SOUTHERN SQUAD

NAME	CLUB
Luke Russell	Bracknell Blazers
Liam Carroll	Bracknell Blazers
Peter Dolphin	Chiltern Blue Jays
Oliver Blower	Chiltern Blue Jays
Suneal Jandu	Hemel Red Sox
Lee Manning	Hemel Red Sox
Liam Bath	Hemel Red Sox
William Lintern	Tonbridge Bobcats
Alistair Clement	Brighton Buccaneers
Stuart Blackman	Windsor Shooters
Martin Clarke	Windsor Shooters
David Gathergood	Windsor Shooters
Caleb Stanislaw	Windsor Shooters

Coaches: John Boyd, Paul Vernon, Casey Stanislaw

NORTHERN SQUAD

NAME	CLUB
Andrew Walter	Leeds Lugnuts
Lee Englestone	Hessle Apaches
Leon Cantwell	Hull - Sutton Trust
Wayne Evans	Kingston Cobras
Stephen Child	Sedburgh Crusaders
Nick Reenie	Sedburgh Crusaders
Shaun Teegarden	Menwith Hill
Keith Grusenski	Menwith Hill
Ray Hedrick	Menwith Hill
Trey Russell	Menwith Hill
David Slater	Menwith Hill
A J Doughty	Menwith Hill

Coaches: Nigel Moss, Ian Smyth, Larry Teegarden



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 fourteen 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; 1997 - London Warriors. The Premier Division is fed by regional leagues based throughout the country, which contain a total of 40 senior teams and 80 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, in 1997 finished 4th in the European B Championships held in Hull and in 1998 finished 2nd in the European B Championships held in Austria.

Coors Baseball League Premier Division

NORTH

Menwith Hill Patriots
Hessle Warriors
Kingston Cobras
Leeds Luddites
Lancashire Tigers
Barnsley Strikers



SOUTH

London Warriors
Brighton Buccaneers
Enfield Spartans
Hounslow Blues
Cambridge Monarchs
Bracknell Blazers
Birmingham Bandits
Essex Arrows

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INTRODUCTION TO THE GAME

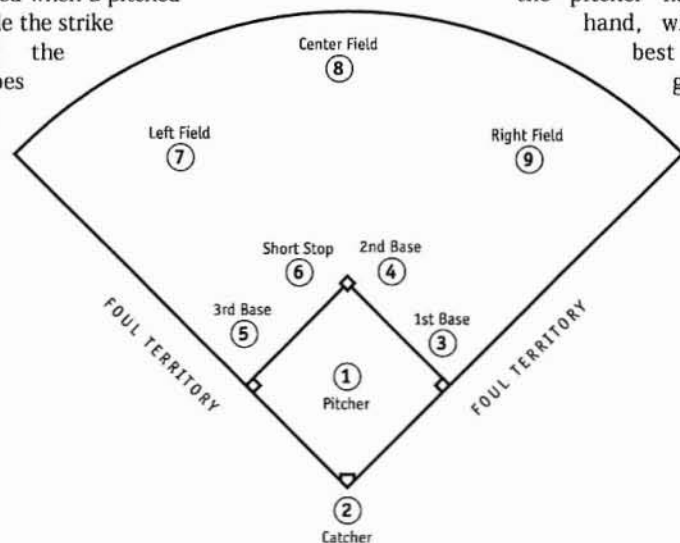
Baseball is played between two teams of nine players. The object of the game is to score more runs than the opposition. A run is scored when a batter advances around all the bases reaching home plate. A run can be scored in stages, in that the batter does not have to get all the way around on one hit.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

A fair hit is a



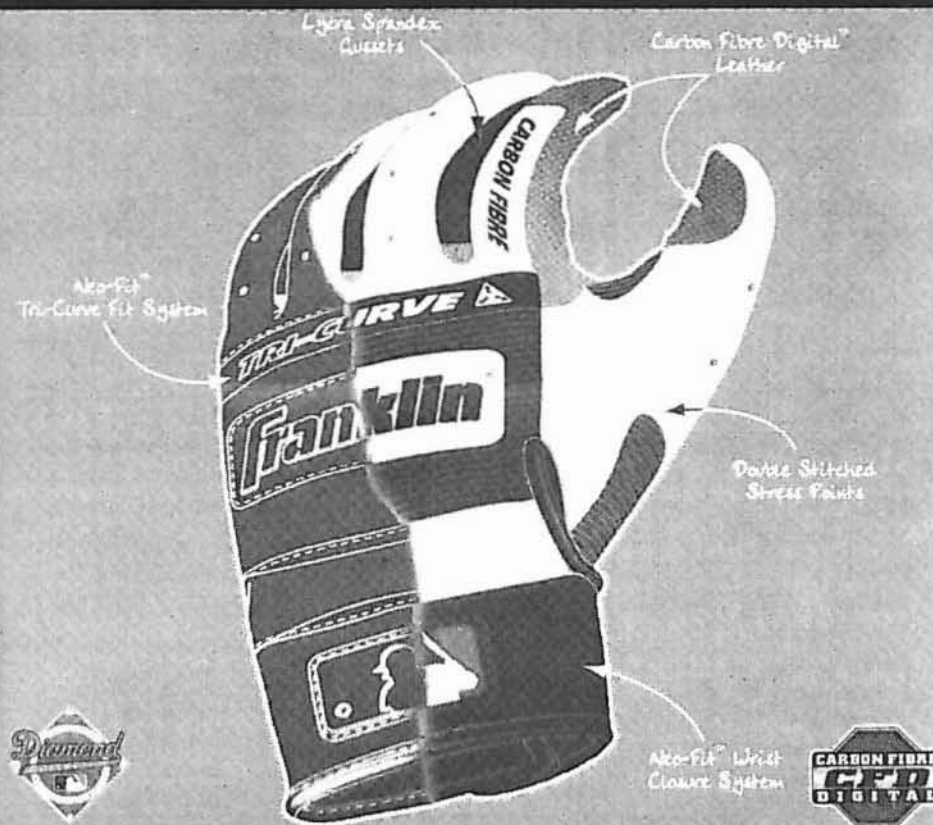
batted ball that settles in fair territory in the infield or lands in fair territory in the outfield. If a batted ball is caught on the fly by any fielder the batter is out.

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.

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

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	PLAYERS	S	1	2	3	4	
1	A Wiltshire	6	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR
	Sub						
2	S Radge	5	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR
	Sub						
3	G Marshall	1	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR
	Sub						
4	F Parker	3	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR
	Sub						

- 1 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.
- 3 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.

- 5** If the scores are tied after 9 innings additional innings will be played to find a winner.

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.

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PLAYERS	S	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1		BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR
2		BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR
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4		BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR
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8		BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR	BB 1B 2B 3B HR
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Pitch, Hit and Run is Major League Baseball International's grass-roots development programme. Its primary aim is to introduce the sport of baseball to thousands of school children aged 9-12 who have never experienced the fun and excitement of playing Tee-ball or baseball.

The programme has been running in schools in Britain and Germany for the past two years and has put a baseball bat, ball and glove into the hands of over 125,000 children for the first time. During this summer, over 1,300 schools in the two countries will take part and more than 180,000 children will participate.

The programme has been specially designed to augment the primary school PE curriculum and is delivered in the UK in conjunction with the British Baseball Federation (BBF). The six-lesson format focuses on introducing the basic skill of baseball to all participants and includes a school-based skills competition

which recognises the best boy and girl to represent the school in regional and high-profile national finals.

Each participating school receives all the necessary equipment to run the programme, including a complete set of gloves, safety baseballs, bases, bats and a batting tee. The teacher attends an orientation and instruction day as well as receiving a resource kit with lesson plans, information and a coaching video. Local BBF coordinators monitor progress and offer help where necessary.

Supporting the in-class lessons, each participating child receives a promotional baseball poster, a promotional sticker and a response postcard to trigger further interest in baseball.

Any school or individual that is interested in becoming involved should contact **Ian Smyth at the BBF Head Office on 01482 643551** for further information.

BASEBALL ON TELEVISION



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This year, it's easier than ever before to find Major League Baseball on both terrestrial and satellite television. The jewel in the crown is Channel 5's two live games a week – and with lively presenters Johnny Gould and Todd Macklin giving you all the low down, it's a great show. Unless you're an insomniac and prefer to watch the games live, just make sure you've got four-hour tapes or can tape at half-speed so you don't miss the climax of an extra-inning game! Here is where and when to check out the 1998 Major League Baseball season on UK television:

Live games every Wednesday and Sunday night beginning at midnight on "Major League Baseball". Actual game times are 1.05am on Sundays and 12.35am on Wednesdays. The games come from ESPN, America's best baseball network, and the Sunday game almost always features Hall-of-Fame player Joe Morgan, recently voted the best sports analyst on US television.

Every World Series Game live, on Oct 17, 18, 20, 21 and 22, 24 and 25 if necessary.

Highlights and news stories on Saturday afternoons as part of "Sports Week".

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Two-hour edited game of the week on Tuesday evenings at 8pm.*

"This Week in Baseball", a weekly half-hour wrapup of news and highlights.*

*check press for times and details

"Baseball Max!", a weekly half-hour youth and lifestyle show featuring the stars of the game, on Saturday mornings.

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Baseball has been a part of Brighton since the early sixties when a game involving the US Armed Forces was hosted by the town's Veldrome in Preston Park and it was reported that thousands of people witnessed an event that our organisation today is still very keen to research.

Brighton Buccaneers have been in existence in many various guises since 1963 and started life as the Brighton Jets and played recreational hardball here at Waterhall Valley. After many years the team joined forces with the remains of another local side, the Worthing Warriors, and formed the South Coast Buccaneers moving it's base away from the town, to Shoreham.

After a couple of seasons playing in the Adur area the club changed it's name to the Brighton Buccaneers and was on the move again, this time seeking out better facilities at Southwick Leisure Centre, but as the club started moving onwards and upwards its desire to expand was not met with the same drive and ambition by local councillors. The club had been negotiating with Brighton Borough Council for a return to the town, and over a two-year period both parties worked together to find a suitable location where the organisation could settle and expand its operations.

They finally negotiated a site share with Brighton Rugby Club and the development of Pavilion Field was born, financed in the most part by The Foundation for Sport and The Arts and Brighton Borough Council. A tremendous amount of hard work and effort has gone into the development of this site and the club now boasts the finest facility in the country, but what you see before you today is just the beginning of what the club believe can become a venue for top-class European tournaments as well as a centre of excellence for British Baseball, something which is currently lacking in the UK.

On the field of play the Brighton Buccaneers are regarded as one of the country's top clubs with the largest player roster in the UK, a roster which currently boasts no less than six Great Britain internationals at senior level and three at junior level. Three of the clubs British players currently attend college in the United States with one, centre Fielder Alex Maliholdis, regarded by many as a prospect to be offered a professional contract in the next two years.

The Bucs have also established a superb school development scheme using the Major League Baseball Pitch Hit & Run Program and over the next two years will be undertaking to develop a progressive youth league, active in the Brighton, Hove and surrounding areas further utilising the Pavilion Field site.

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